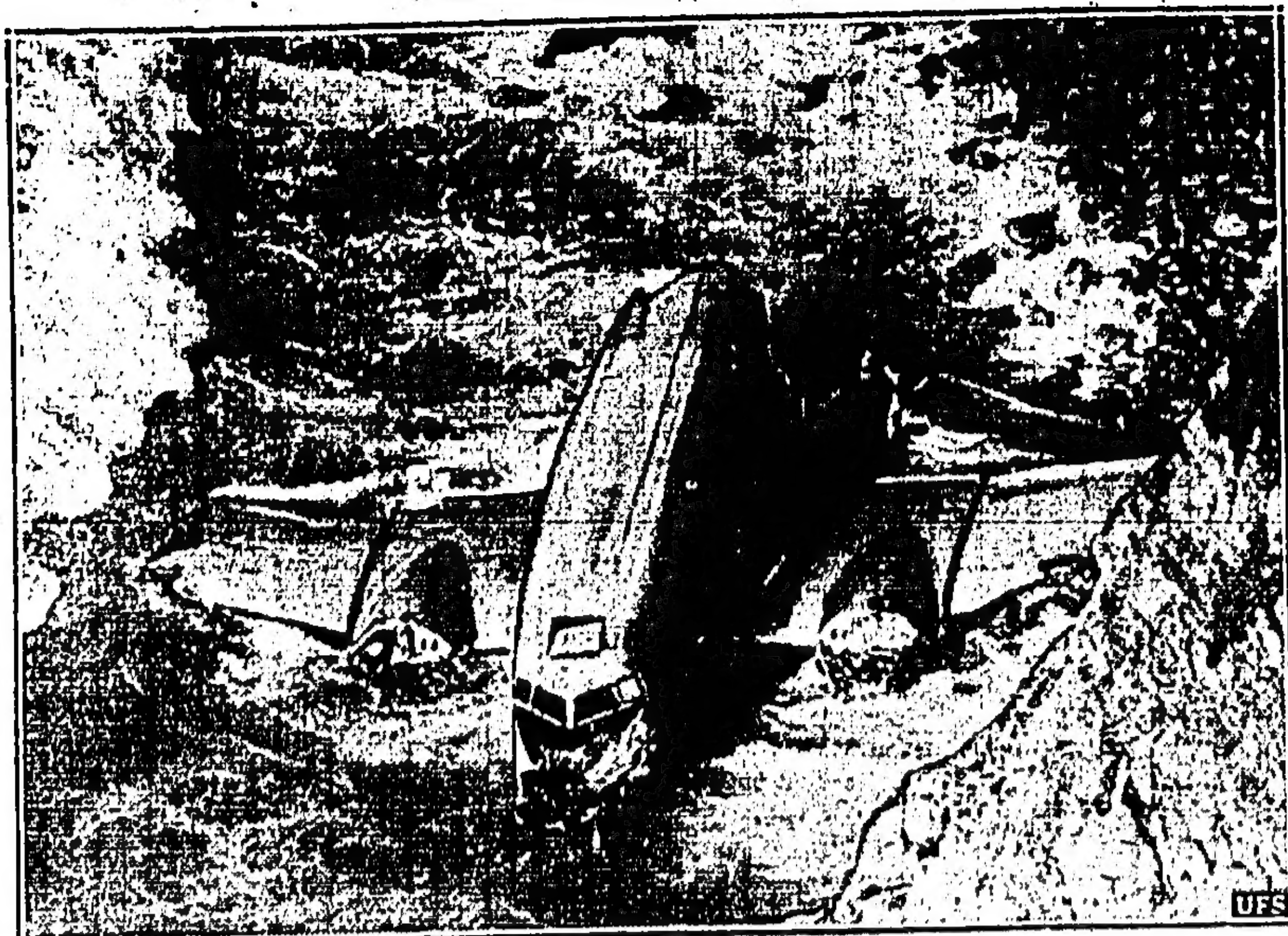


Airline Crashes



Here is the wreck of the luxurious United Air Lines transport plane being battered to pieces by the surf at the foot of a cliff near San Francisco. Pilot Charles Stead and Isadore R. Edelstein, a passenger, were rescued but five others perished in the surf. A maze of radio signals, which confused the pilot, was blamed.



Mystery of the reported marriage of Sir Oswald Mosley, British Fascist chief, and Mrs. Diana Guinness, above, was cleared recently when Mosley announced in London that they were married two years ago and that his wife recently gave birth to a son. She is a sister of Unity Freeman-Mitford, Hitler admirer, recently mobbed in London.

Child 'Door Bangers' Cured

CHILDREN who bang doors, stulk, and shout defiance at their parents need trouble British homes no more.

Dr. Margaret Lowenfeld, of London, has established a Child Centre at the Institute of Child Psychology, where specially-trained workers play with delinquent children.

There are playrooms for children of different ages. Colouring of rooms is changing and wheezing. Asthma by killing the true cause which is in the blood. No more burning of powders, no more hygienic infections. This new discovery, Mendo, starts to work in 3 minutes, killing the germ cause of Asthma, also purifying the blood and restoring vitality so that you can sleep soundly all night, eat anything and work and enjoy life. Mendo is no success! It is guaranteed to give you free, easy breathing in 34 hours and to stop your Asthma completely in 8 days or money back on return of empty package. Get Mendo from your chemist today. The Mendo people say.

The "mess room" is exactly that. It is not for eating, but for "messing about." Its walls and floors are of pale blue colour and of a washable material. Clay, earth, paints, mud, can all be "messed" with to the heart's content.

It is a sister to the "water room," where the children play, dressed in macintoshes, rubber shoes, and oil-skin caps.

Dr. Lowenfeld reports that by giving children a "free world" of their own their temperamental twists are corrected.

Asthma Cause Killed In 24 Hours

Thanks to the discovery of an American physician, it is now possible to get rid of those terrible spells of choking, gasping, coughing and wheezing. Asthma by killing the true cause which is in the blood. No more burning of powders, no more hygienic infections. This new discovery, Mendo, starts to work in 3 minutes, killing the germ cause of Asthma, also purifying the blood and restoring vitality so that you can sleep soundly all night, eat anything and work and enjoy life. Mendo is no success! It is guaranteed to give you free, easy breathing in 34 hours and to stop your Asthma completely in 8 days or money back on return of empty package. Get Mendo from your chemist today. The Mendo people say.

JUDGE ON WHEN A BANK SHOULD TELL Doctor's Wife Fails In Suit

A DOCTOR'S wife who said that a bank manager revealed her betting deals to her husband lost her suit for damages recently.

She was Mrs. Mary Sunderland, wife of Dr. Arthur Sunderland, of Hyde Park-mansions, Marylebone, W., and her action was against Barclays Bank, Ltd., which was awarded costs.

Mrs. Sunderland alleged that after one of her cheques had been returned marked "Refer to drawer" the manager of the Edgware-road branch of the bank told her husband that she had been using the account to pay two bookmakers.

NOT A STRANGER

Lord Justice du Parcq, giving judgment, said it was plain that the bank was under no obligation to meet the cheque, and the manager was not speaking to a stranger but to the customer's husband. He had been talking to the customer herself, who relinquished the 'phone in favour of her husband.

"I cannot think," said Lord Justice du Parcq, "that in these circumstances the bank manager was not entitled to give him that piece of information which he offered as an explanation—be it good or bad—for what the bank had done."

Dr. Sunderland, giving evidence, said that he also had an account with Barclays at the Church-street branch. He did not know his wife was using her Edgware-road account for paying betting debts, but he knew, up to a point, that she was betting.

"I knew she had the racing papers," he said, "and I knew she had a bet quite frequently, but I supposed the amounts were small. I thought it would be up to 5s. perhaps. I didn't take any interest in it."

SNATCHED 'PHONE

When his wife told him her cheque had been dishonoured he told her to ring up the bank. As he was in a hurry, he rather snatched the telephone from her.

Then the manager said: "Well, the account has been very low for some time and there has been no regular amount paid into it. I don't know whether I ought to tell you this, but most of the cheques have been going to bookmakers."

Mr. F. W. Beney (for Mrs. Sunderland): Did he say anything about Mrs. Sunderland having authorised him to say that?—No, I was rather thunder struck and said, "what business is it of yours? I know about it."

Did you know about it?—No, I was speaking wrongly; I was rather confused.

Dr. Sunderland added that the manager also said: "Sometimes ladies do these things and, if I let them have an overdraft, I get called over the coals by the husband."

ONLY THING

Mr. Edwin Stephens, manager of Barclays Paddington branch, was asked by Mr. H. J. Wallington, K.C. (for the bank): Why did you dishonour the cheque?—Seeing the nature of the transactions and that she was a married woman, the only thing to do was to return the cheque.

Mr. Stephens said he did not think that particular cheque was for bets.

He told Mrs. Sunderland that her balance had been depleted by bookmakers' cheques, there was a long conversation, and then she said, "My husband is here, you had better give your reasons to him." And the telephone was handed over without any break.

Mr. Stephens said that Mrs. Sunderland definitely told him to give her husband the reasons he had given her for returning the cheque, and he had given her the reason that she had been using the account to pay bookmakers.

Mr. Beney: Are you really saying you stopped that cheque because she had been paying bookmakers?—That she would be using the bank's money in that way if there was an overdraft.

Golf Widow's Revenge

THE TOO-BUSY HUSBAND

LETTERS written by a town clerk's wife, who "dreaded loneliness," and said that her husband "spent his waking hours working, digging, and golfing," were read in the Probate Court recently.

The action concerned the £43,600 estate of Mrs. Maria Annie Whitehead, wife of Mr. John Whitehead, town clerk of Tunbridge Wells.

Mrs. Whitehead, who died in May last year at the age of 51, had made a will in favour of her husband in August 1927. She executed another will in May 1930, in which she made considerable bequests to charities, and left £300 a year for her husband for life or until he remarried.

Mr. Whitehead remarried last August. He asked the court to pronounce against the 1930 will, and pronounced the 1927 will, with a codicil of October, 1935, which have been destroyed.

"LIVED WITH HIS JOB"

His case was that Mrs. Whitehead was not of testamentary capacity when she executed the 1930 will.

Mr. J. P. Eddy, K.C., appeared for the National Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children and the All-India Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, both of which sought to set up the 1930 will.

He said that the relations between Mr. and Mrs. Whitehead were shown by the correspondence. Mrs. Whitehead wrote from London to her husband.

"I suppose I have not realised the danger of marrying a man who lived with his job. What is the use of a house and garden for us when I am not fond enough of it to be left in it alone?"

Mr. S. J. Cull, manager of a branch of the Midland Bank, at Tunbridge Wells, where Mrs. Whitehead had had an account, said that she came to the branch fairly regularly between 1933 and the autumn of 1935. When he last saw her, in February 1936, she appeared perfectly normal.

Sir Maurice Cassidy, the heart specialist, said that when Mrs. Whitehead consulted him for heart trouble in July 1935, he saw no sign of mental derangement. He agreed that it was possible to inherit a form of delusional insanity. Mrs. Whitehead did not tell him that her mother had been in an asylum for a time.

The hearing was adjourned.

Inside Germany

DO NAZI HENS LAY EGGS? Riddle For Housewives

BERLIN.

DO German hens lay eggs? This is the puzzle which Berlin housewives are trying to solve at present.

Women stand in egg queues dozens of times in a month. As a rule, at the end of a ten-minute to half an hour wait, they obtain two eggs, although sometimes the stock gives out before they reach the head of the queue.

But they never get a German egg. They collect Finnish eggs, Dutch, Lithuanian, Hungarian, Argentine and Bulgarian eggs, some alleged to be new laid, others frankly from cold storage.

SHOPPING TRICKS

It is no light task keeping house in Berlin. Not only is there the long wait for eggs but there is the daily pilgrimage to the butter shop for the day's ration—if you miss a day you cannot get two days' supply the next time, it is lost for good.

Then there are bewildering shortages of all sorts of things. One day there are no onions, another no oranges. It may need visits to a dozen shops or stalls to get the ingredients of one dish.

There are all sorts of tricks to be learned. You must know never to ask openly for eggs, butter, oranges or onions if there are none on show. You must buy a few pounds of apples or cabbage or something, and then when no one is looking you open your mouth egg wise and whisper.

A mysterious packet is handed to you if you are lucky and you find when you get home that it has two eggs in it.

PRICES STABLE

Mysterious signs must be learned for other products which are short. But there is one good thing. However great the shortage may be prices do not vary.

Nor must one get the wrong impression that the German people are starving—there is plenty of food to be had, but one cannot always have just what one wants at the time.

The quality of many goods is also extremely low. Apples, for instance, are to be had in plenty—but small, scrubby looking fruit which would hardly find a place in the "speckled fruit basket" in a London market are only to be obtained for from 6d. to 7d. per pound.

The explanation of this is simple. Germany cannot buy the perfect Canadian, American or South African fruit as she has not the foreign currency needed, but she gets her fruit by bartering manufactured goods for them, from the Balkan lands.

NEWS FROM HOME BROKE HER HEART

HERR ORNSTEIN and his Jewish wife fled to England in June from "Aryanised" Vienna—but recently he sat alone and silent, rocking himself in a chair in a flat in Shoot-up Hill, N.W. His wife had gassed herself when she heard her two brothers had been arrested by Nazis.

Already deaf, Herr Ornstein seems to have lost the power of speech since the funeral.

For the first two or three months in England he and his wife were happy in their freedom, though he had had to leave behind him all his possessions after resigning a £1,000-a-year post as sales manager of a fur company.

They stayed with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Veit.

For Herr Ornstein there was nothing much to do besides sit in the flat or go out for short walks.

LOST THEIR JOBS

News that her younger brother, Martin, an actor, was likely to leave Vienna for Hollywood through the influence of his friend, Max Reinhardt, the theatrical producer, cheered Frau Ornstein.

Then she learned that her brother Theodore had been sent to a concentration camp at Dachau, that the husbands of her two married sisters in Vienna had lost their jobs and that her widowed sister would lose the two Vienna properties on the interest of which she lives now.

Then she had more news from Vienna. Her other brother, Dr. Simon Berliner, had been arrested. Frau Ornstein's last words were: "I am too young for my life to be finished." She was forty-seven.

After her death came a letter from her doctor brother. He has been released.

And now Herr Ornstein sits silent and waits—for more news from Vienna.

Woman Drives Into Pond In Storm

BLINDED by heavy rain, a woman motorist drove into the White Stone pond on Hampstead Heath recently.

For half an hour the woman, Mrs. Diana Spearman, of Roofs Park, Chigwell, Essex, was marooned 12ft. from the bank. Then two motor-cyclists, wearing waders, came to her aid, and carried her to the road.

A lorry towed the car out of the pond.

A slipway to the water apparently misled Mrs. Spearman.

CROWDS DRENCHED

London caught the full force of the 60 m.p.h. gale which was sweeping the Channel again late last night, bringing torrential rain and thunderstorms.

Cars going along the Embankment were blown on to the wrong side of the road.

In the West End, taxis were at a premium, and when the theatres closed thousands were drenched in making short journeys to Tube stations.

Heavy rain fell for several hours. Rain driven by mile-a-minute gusts at Brighton made the cliff-top road between Brighton and Newhaven impassable for walkers and cyclists.

Crossing the road at Eastbourne during one downpour, Miss Ada Elizabeth Farmer (76), of Orchard Road, Eastbourne, was fatally injured by a taxi.

One Man Boosts League

Pasadena, Cal. John Judson Hamilton, 44, noted author and retired publisher, has launched a one-man campaign for the League of Nations. He has chosen as a slogan: "Geneva Forever." He has sent 130 original copies of a manifesto on behalf of the league to 100 libraries and 30 key figures in world affairs.



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SPECIALISTS GO TO EX-KAISER

New York.
Doctor Wilhelm C. Huebner, of Cincinnati, prominent heart specialist, left New York recently on a mystery visit to the ex-Kaiser at Doorn.
The doctor has been pledged to silence regarding the nature of his mission, but it is rumored that with other world-famed doctors he is to give the ex-Kaiser a thorough medical examination.
Several times in the past Dr. Huebner has been consulted by the ex-Kaiser.
"It would be unethical for me to say anything about my visit," said Huebner.

Empire Tea Centenary

LONDON.
A CEREMONIAL auction and a reception will be features of the celebration on Jan. 10 next of the hundredth anniversary of the first auction in London of tea produced within the Empire.

In connection with the centenary a sample of the finest teas to be grown will be selected by a Blenders' Conference and presented in a golden casket to the King and Queen.

The Empire tea industry which has developed from a small garden employing a few men now employs 2,000,000 men and has more than £210,000,000 of British capital invested in it. More than 800,000,000 pounds of Empire tea is now produced annually.

DOMINATING POSITION

Sir Walter Smiles, M.P., chairman of the Centenary Committee, stated in a speech recently that the districts described on rough maps of a century ago as a mixture of uninhabited jungle and swamp had been transformed by British capital and enterprise into a land of neat tea gardens with railways, roads, electric light, wireless, cinema and most of the amenities of modern civilisation.

They now had in India and Ceylon research stations and laboratories where every process in growth and manufacture of tea was scientifically studied and recorded.

"Within 5 years of its birth the Empire industry was exporting more tea than China and today dominated the tea markets of the world."

£500 Award In Horoscope Libel Case

DAMAGES of £500 for libel and slander were awarded in the "horoscope" case before Mr. Justice Charles in the King's Bench Division recently.

They were in favour of Mr. Norman Crook and his wife, Hettie Elizabeth Crook, trading as the Globe Syndicate, and Mr. John Prior Exall, whom they sued. A cross-action by Mr. Mitchell against Mr. Crook and Mr. Exall for damages for alleged conspiracy and slander failed.

Mr. Justice Charles had ruled there was no evidence to go to the jury against Mrs. Alice Emily Bayley, who was joined as defendant in the libel proceedings and dismissed her from the suit with costs.

The plaintiffs complained that, the Globe Syndicate had prepared a series of horoscopes, Mr. Mitchell wrote to customers with whom they had left horoscopes suggesting they were a "colourable imitation of his copyright horoscopes."

THE GREAT CHINA TRADE ISSUE

London.

IF the British Government is to be moved at all over China it will be over the trade issue. This alone can shake it out of its rather easy going attitude.

The Home papers are devoting more and more attention to the issue. The "Daily Herald" recently published the following:—

Economic reprisals against Japan for her freezing out of foreign trade interests from China are being seriously considered in London and Washington.

Reports from the Ambassadors of the two countries in China have indicated for some time that Japan is deliberately destroying all foreign trade competition.

SHIPS BARRED

Foreign shipping, for example, has been barred from using the Yangtze. The Japanese say this is due to the danger of mines and nearby military operations, but Japanese ships have been playing a thriving trade.

It was announced that a Japanese sponsored "monopoly" company has been established in Shanghai to control the Yangtze shipping, and will start work in the New Year.

This is only one of countless ways in which foreign interests, British and American, in particular, are being ousted from the China market.

EXPERTS AT WORK

For some time experts of the United States Department of Commerce and the Board of Trade here have been studying what retaliatory steps could be taken.

Their investigations are now so far advanced that Mr. Joseph Kennedy, the United States Ambassador here, has gone to Washington and the United States Ambassador in China has been recalled for consultation. Significantly, too, Sir Ronald Lindsay, British Ambassador in Washington, has arrived in London "on holiday."

One step envisaged in American circles is to deprive Japan of her benefits under the most-favoured-nation clause. Were such a step to be taken, the British Government would almost certainly follow suit. President Roosevelt also has the power, if discrimination against the importation or sale of American goods is proved, to exclude "any or all articles" from the offending country.

It is doubtful whether such drastic steps are yet contemplated, but the question of increasing duties on Japanese imports is one that has been closely studied.

In this the experts have had the example of the Japanese themselves. At the beginning of this year the puppet Government in Peking introduced a new tariff for imports into North China under which Japanese goods benefited by from 25 to 75 per cent.

Any action of this nature would be a serious blow to Japan, for the British Empire and the United States are her principal customers, absorbing roughly 50 per cent. of her exports.

But retaliation of this sort is calculated to lead to counter-reprisals, and it is for this reason that the most pains-taking study of the question is being made before any decision is reached.

Meantime the "Daily Telegraph" publishes the appended statement from its own Correspondent:—

Shanghai, Monday.
"Great concern is felt here in British shipping circles at a report that a Japanese concern, the Yangtze Shipping Company, has been formed with the object of controlling traffic on the Yangtze under the monopolistic system introduced by the Japanese into many branches of trade in China."

It is reported that the company was floated on Saturday at a meeting at which 50 Japanese directors were elected and a Chinese com-
—head of the native staff—was appointed.

It is believed that the new company is one of the branches of the newly formed Japanese "Central China Development Company," whose charter includes shipping, communications, waterworks, and power companies, public transport, fisheries and inland transportation.

Two British firms, Jardine Matheson and Co., and Butterfield and Swire, at present represent the largest shipping interests on the Yangtze River and the China coast.

In recent months they have suffered considerably from the closing of the Yangtze and coastal difficulties. If the Yangtze were to be exploited under a monopolistic system they would lose business on a large scale.

All the other papers roughly agree that joint action is being discussed. This is the "Daily Express."

BRITAIN MAY HIT BACK AT JAPAN

"Britain may hit back at Japan for her trade methods by putting heavier duties on Japanese goods going into British Colonies. This is one of the steps under consideration as a result of Japan's action in trying to close the China and Manchukuo markets to British and all other foreign trade."

The "News Chronicle" contains the following:—
GROWING JAPANESE MENACE TO TRADE—BY VERNON BARTLETT

"Although by more insidious methods than those adopted by Germany and Italy in Europe Japan is very actively menacing British interests in the Far East."

Last week the Foreign Minister in Tokyo summoned the British and United States Ambassadors and emphasised his policy of gradually excluding their competitors from the economic life of the Far East.

There was no, I am assured, that direct threat to denounce the Washington Nine Power Treaty which is reported in some newspapers, and which would doubtless lead to counter measures against Japanese trade in other parts of the world.

The feeling of resentment in London is due rather to the fact that by a policy of granting preferences to Japanese and Manchukuo goods and of putting obstacles in the way of British goods, Japan is gaining economic control of China without obvious breaches of treaty—once the very fact of the war has been accepted and condoned by Great Britain.

The British Ambassador's protests, I understand are met with the bland assurance that preferences between the Far Eastern Powers are to the benefit of China. These assurances carry less and less weight with the British Government, and it would not be surprising if difficulties became acute early in the New Year."

The "Manchester Guardian" of Tuesday pointed out that the "Boycott Japan" movement has made considerable progress in Manchester and district in the past few days. Manchester's part in the "Boycott Japan" day on Saturday will be in the form of poster parades in the afternoon and evening. Show-cards are being prepared for use in shops conveying the assurance "We don't sell Japanese goods" and steps will be taken by the new group to let the public know which shows give such an undertaking.



Suit for custody of his children has been filed in Miami, Fla., by Guy Maynard Liddell, chief of England's Civil Intelligence Department. Children are shown with their mother, Mrs. Calypso Liddell, daughter of the late Lord Revelstoke of England, at Coral Gables home of their half-uncle, L. Sufferin Tailer. They are Jane, Peter, Gay and Maude.

EMPIRE NEWS

AUCKLAND.

An effort will shortly be made to ensure that there are adequate supplies of all gas-producing coals which New Zealand needs. This would eliminate imports from Australia altogether.

More Motor Vehicles.—The number of licensed motor vehicles in New Zealand is 205,137, an increase of 10.8 per cent. over the figure for the same period last year. Motorcycles show a decline of 7 per cent.

Industrial Expansion.—Mr. D. G. Sullivan, Minister of Railways, Commerce and Industries, stated recently that the central executive of a bureau of industry had been formed to concentrate on working out plans for industrial expansion and the establishment of new industries.—Reuter.

SOUTH AFRICA

DAMAGES CLAIM AFTER MURDER

CAPE TOWN.

A lawsuit thought to be without precedent in the Empire opened in the Supreme Court at Cape Town recently when the widow of a murdered man sued a man acquitted of the murder for £3,000 damages.

The widow's husband, a pawnbroker, was shot in his shop in March. In July the defendant in the present damages action was acquitted by a jury of a murder charge. The judge who presided at the murder trial is now one of the two justices hearing the claim for damages.

AUSTRALIA

FUTURE OF DAMAGED R.A.F. BOMBER

SYDNEY.

The decision of the British Air Ministry is awaited as to whether the record-breaking R.A.F. Vickers Wellesley bomber, which made a forced landing recently, shall be taken over by the Australian Air Force.

The machine was badly damaged when it came down in a ploughed field near Richmond, New South Wales, but it could be repaired from spare parts already here.

The two other Vickers Wellesley bombers which made the record flight from Egypt to Australia began a programme of visits to Canberra, Melbourne, Adelaide, Hobart and Perth before returning to England from Darwin.

South Africa

RAILWAY INQUIRY DEMANDED

Cape Town.

A demand for a public inquiry to investigate alleged shortcomings in the administration of the South African railways was made at the congress of the Association of Chambers of Commerce of South Africa.

Among these shortcomings were mentioned the high rate of accidents and derailments.

Ex-Mayor Sentenced.—Thomas Looney, an ex-Mayor of Kimberley and past president of the Chamber of Commerce, has been sentenced to two months' imprisonment, suspended for two years, for failing to keep proper business records up to the time when his business was sequestered.

Shipping Agent Retires.—Mr. P. J. Francis, joint agent in Cape Town of the Union-Castle Line, has retired.

ISLE OF ROMANCE SEARCH

A YOUNG couple who met on holiday on the Norfolk Broads, and decided to wed and go to the South Seas, were married at St. Jude's-on-the-Hill, Hampstead Garden Suburb, recently.

The bridegroom, Mr. Patrick Forbes, of Southway, Hampstead, a 21-years-old apprentice in a City tea broking firm, has given up his position to realise his lifelong dream of living on a South Sea island.

His wife, formerly Miss Joyce Bishop, 23-year-old daughter of a boatbuilder's clerk at Roxham, Norfolk, shares his enthusiasm for island life.

"We are going to be gloriously happy," she said. "Pat has been saving up for this for years, and he's got about £600 now."

"We are sailing in a French trading boat from Marseilles on Sunday week, and will buy a small yacht when we reach Tahiti."

"Then we shall go cruising around until we find our ideal island."

GARLANDS

Mr. and Mrs. Forbes will be joined in the South Seas by Mr. Gerald Gordon, a young planter.

Mr. Gordon, who has spent many years on the Polynesian Islands and has written several books, draped the bride couple with "leis"—garlands of Hawaiian flowers—at the wedding reception.

Mr. Forbes played an Hawaiian guitar.

"I was taught to play the guitar by an Hawaiian years ago," he said, "and formed my own band."

"We shall be away for about two years."

£3,122,000 For a London Tunnel

London.
The new tunnel under the Thames near the present Blackwall Tunnel is to cost £3,122,000. The L.C.C. is to be asked on Tuesday to pass a capital estimate of £2,024,000 so that work on the tunnel may start at once. The new tunnel, which will run parallel to and about 800 feet on the down stream side of the existing Blackwall Tunnel, will be used by south bound traffic, while north bound traffic will use the old tunnel. The work will involve the demolition of a large number of old houses, and now accommodation will have to be found for 1,824 people, at an estimated capital cost of £209,220.

after nearly 50 years in the company's service.

CANADA

SEVEN SENATE VACANCIES

Montreal.

Senator Albert Joseph Brown has died at Montreal, at the age of 78. His death brings the total number of vacancies in the Dominion Senate to seven.

Senator Brown was a leading member of the legal profession at Quebec. He was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1889, and entered the Senate in 1932. Two Killed in Air Crash.—Capt. Dave Imrie and First Officer Jack Herald were killed when their de Havilland biplane crashed on its regular west-bound flight from Montreal to Toronto.



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Every Wed. & Fri. from Kunming to Hanoi

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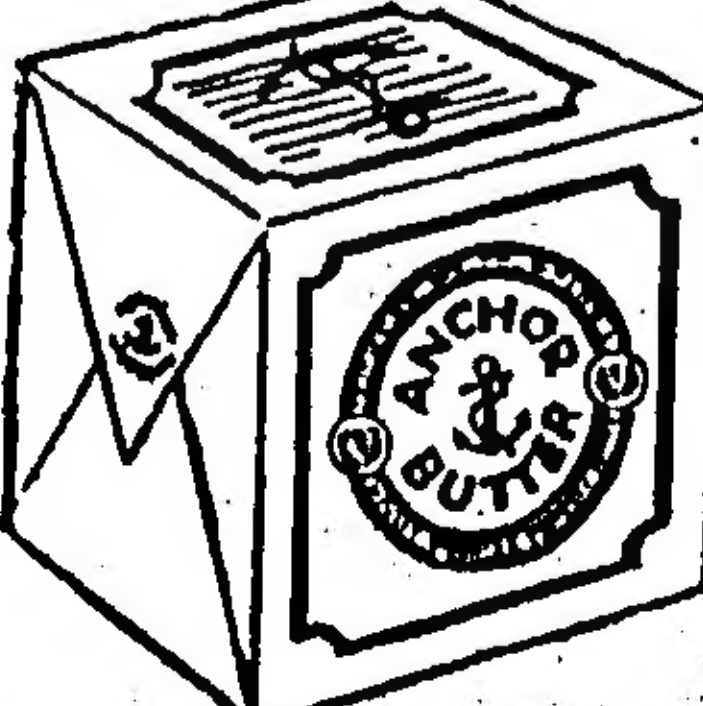
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REFUGEE RELIEF

Rural Welfare Centre At Shumchun

A Rural Welfare Centre is fast being organized at Shumchun. Its object will be to conduct Refugee Relief in the affected areas between the East River and the British frontier. The first contingent of 10 field staff has already proceeded to Shumchun to begin preparatory work. Later a further two contingents will go into the field to co-operate with the returning refugees in the spring sowing.

The Rural Welfare Centre will be under the direction of Mrs. Percy Chen, who with Dr. C. Y. Wu was responsible for the arrangements for the establishment of the Hospital of the Welfare Centre. Assistance has been received from the St. John Ambulance Brigade in the equipping and staffing of the Hospital which will be under the auspices of the Kwangtung Joint Committee for Medical Relief.

Although the Hospital will be considered mobile, it will be equipped with facilities for surgical operations, according to the plans. A complete set of surgical instruments has been promised by the Chinese National Red Cross. The Chinese Medical Association is maintaining a surgeon at the Hospital. Although only opened a week ago, news of the Hospital has already spread and patients are being brought from the surrounding districts. One hundred and fifty beds are occupied.

The maternity ward since it was opened has assisted in the birth of five youngsters, four girls and one boy. The mothers are refugees. There are several cases of shock from the results of bombing and flight. One patient, a youth, was brought by his mother from Tungking suffering from shock. His father is a Customs guard at Shumchun. The distracted father and mother were met on the railway by Mrs. Langley and Mr. Chen and directed to the Shumchun Hospital where the boy was admitted to undergo treatment.

It is hoped that permission will be granted for the Rural Welfare Centre to open clinics at Namtau and Shumchun. A request has also been received that medical staff be sent to Pingyu to operate a clinic at that place.

Several active members of the Hongkong Y.M.C.A. will form the personnel of the first contingent to go to Shumchun. The leader is Mr. James Orr who will be in charge of the local office of the Kwangtung Joint Committee for Medical Relief. Among the others are Messrs. Henry Cheong, Ling Kwok-kwan, Wong Kuni-kuen and Mok Pat-wing.

The second contingent will include several graduates of Chungshan University. The idea of a Rural Welfare Centre originated with Surgeon-General Dr. Cheung Kin, the Chairman of the Kwangtung Joint Committee for Medical Relief. Several months ago conversations were held by Dr. Cheung and Mr. Alfred Morris as to the organization of a Hospital at Shumchun. But in the present emergency where the refugee problem can only be solved by organization of the repatriation of the peasantry in the intervals of peace so that they might work on their lands, the idea of the Rural Welfare Centre has been expanded to include educational and training as well as an agricultural assistance centre.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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Waterworks Ordinance, 1938.
NO. 20 of 1938.

The above Ordinance stipulates that only plumbers licensed by the Water Authority may construct, alter or repair a service connected to the Water Works.

The attention of consumers is directed to the list of licensed plumbers published in the Government Gazette of the 6th January, 1939, and to additions to the above list which may appear from time to time in the "Government Gazette."

To avoid contravention of the Ordinance, consumers are requested to employ only licensed plumbers on work to be done to services connected or to be connected to the Water Works.

R. M. HENDERSON,

Water Authority,
Public Works Department,
Hong Kong, 6th January, 1939.

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The Council will appoint a temporary lecturer in Mechanical Engineering with special qualifications in Thermo-Dynamics and in the design of boilers, Steam and Oil engines. Candidates must hold a good British University qualification. Pay H.K.\$400 a month.

The appointment may become permanent. Applications should reach the undersigned by 1st February, 1939.

W. B. FINNIGAN,

Registrar

University of Hong Kong,
3rd January, 1939.

THE SPANISH WAR

Franco Claims More Advances on Front

London, Jan. 7.
General Franco's troops claim to have captured the town of Vilaixa, 25 miles from Tarragona, and to be continuing the advance along the Lerida-Tarragona road.

The Nationalists also claim to have cut the road ten miles east of Borjas Blancas.

The Loyalist troops resisted tenaciously but are now reported to be retreating more rapidly, with the insurgent artillery shelling their positions.

The Spanish Government declares that its surprise attack in the Estremadura sector is gaining ground.—Reuter Bulletin.

Insurance Fund Rolls Up

San Francisco.

California's system of requiring employers to put money into a State fund to insure their workers against injury or death in the course of their duty is rapidly developing into "big business." There is already \$17,000,000 in the fund and the State Compensation Fund this year declared a dividend of \$3,600,000.

BITTER FIGHTING ON TWO SPANISH FRONTS

(Continued from Page 1.)

at Torregu-Cervera. At the same time, however, the Loyalists caused considerable damage in all of the evacuated villages, whose inhabitants they took with them in the retreat.

LOYALIST COUNTER-CLAIMS

According to a Barcelona message, the Defence Ministry issued the following war bulletin on Saturday night: Estremadura Front. Loyalist troops continued their victorious advance on Saturday. After crossing the river Zújar, they occupied the village of Peraleda de Zújar, and continued their march in the direction of Monterubio de la Serena.

On the right bank of the river, the Loyalists captured the village of Cuenca, the heights of Grana Loma, Nodarguilla, as well as the Height 682 Sierra Mojuna, and several of the neighbouring heights, together with the village of Fuente Vegana.

The advance continues. The Loyalists repulsed several enemy counter-attacks. Territory conquered by the Loyalists within the last three days has extended over 600 kilometres. Much war material, as well as numerous prisoners fell into their hands.

On the Eastern front, in the section of Cubellin, the Loyalists offered heroic resistance to insurgent attacks. The heights of Masbell were three times occupied by the insurgents, but they were finally repulsed.

In the sectors of Vinuesa and Vilosell, severe fighting is in progress. Loyalist troops are offering stubborn resistance, and the insurgents have suffered heavy losses.

PREMIER'S MESSAGE

A Paris communication says that the Spanish Loyalist Premier, Dr. Negrin, issued a proclamation on Saturday to the Loyalist Army, in which he said: "I expect from all effective co-operation for the defence of our soil, as has hitherto been the case, and I am certain that the enthusiasm and spirit of sacrifice of our troops will render a rapid victory possible. At the present moment of severe trial, the heroism with which our army is holding up the enemy on the Eastern front and on the Ebro is an example and encouragement for all those behind the front. Our eyes are fixed on the future of our country, and on the independence of our soil, and we shall gain the victory which we deserve."—Trans-Ocean.

3RD WEEK OF OFFENSIVE

Saragossa, Jan. 8.
General Franco's major offensive against Catalonia, now in its third week, has driven back the Loyalist resistance in the plains of Urgel, it is claimed.

The difficulties ahead in the campaign, especially in the northern sector, have not been miscounted, but it is noteworthy that General Yague's Moroccan army is using pontoon bridges, flung across the Ebro at Mora, and has established contact with the Navarrese legions.

Headquarters claim the conquest of at least 1,200 square miles and the capture of 30,000 prisoners since the start of the offensive.

LOYALIST CLAIMS

On the other hand, according to a Barcelona communication, the Loyalists in the three days of their surprise offensive against the Estremadura front have driven the enemy to the west, 25 miles from their original positions.

North of Fuentes Venjuna they have cleared a wide loop to the river Zújar, and have captured the road junction at Peraleda and Dezuco, in the Badajoz province, only about 90 miles from the Portuguese frontier.

The capture of Fuentes Venjuna is also claimed, has cut the insurgents' road and rail communications with the famous Penarroya mines, which are said to be half encircled.

A further message says that the Loyalists have captured the towns of Granja and Delorrie Hermosa in the Badajoz province, as well as La Coronada and four villages in an important advance during the Estremadura offensive.

Meanwhile, according to a Saragossa message the insurgents have occupied Vilanova de Pedres, about 19 miles from the Mediterranean, and 24 miles from Tarragona.—Reuter.

TROOPS CROSS SEGRE

Saragossa, Jan. 8.
Most of the 300,000 troops flung by General Franco against Catalonia have now crossed the Segre River, which, over the greater part of a 100-mile front, is the Loyalists' main natural defence.

Divisions of the Aragon army corps which in the early morning fled across bridges thrown over the river above Lerida, are now joining from the Balaguer bridge head, and are overrunning the farm-studded countryside.

Vellaneuva and Acoteiga, two of the few remaining Loyalist strongholds were stormed and captured after a heavy bombardment in advance, which, by to-night, carried the corps 12½ miles east of Balaguer.

The insurgents are now advancing to the west, and straightening up the line between Artesa and Borjas Blancas, the Loyalists beating a retreat along the Lerida-Tarragona road under gunfire.

Although fog persists in the northern sectors, there is good weather elsewhere on the front.—Reuter.

Machine Records

Evidence

Johannesburg, Transvaal.
Experiments with a machine for recording evidence have been made in the magistrates' court at Springs, Transvaal, and if the Department of Justice is satisfied with the results, this kind of recording may be adopted.

LOVE LETTERS --- £1 FOR A PAGE

EXTRACTS from 750

pages of love letters

written by 28-years-old

Wilfred Wolfendale, a

Cambridge graduate,

were read in the

Sheriff's Court in Lan-

caster recently.

Miss Margaret Ruane, 30-years-old hotel book-keeper, of Leeds-road, Barrow-in-Furness, was awarded £750 breach of promise damages—£1 for every page.

"Please do not think I brought this action for money," Miss Ruane said as she left the court with her sister. "I only wanted to vindicate myself. But it will be a long time before I can work again."

Of her Wolfendale wrote: "When you put your arms round my neck and hug me tight, the whole weight of my sins falls off me and the pollution vanishes. I can now understand the Christian doctrine of forgiveness of sins and redemption of the soul."

His address was given as Nessfield, West Bank, near Morecambe, and he was said to be a salesman for a Lancashire linum firm. But he was not in court.

AUNT DIDN'T KNOW

"He's travelling somewhere in Canada," his aunt, Mrs. C. Wolfendale, of Howe Ghyll, Lancaster, said. She had not even heard that her nephew had been sued.

"We have met Miss Ruane. We had no idea of all this unhappiness. It will be a terrible shock to his widowed mother, who is now not in very good health."

Miss Ruane sat with her sister in court.

"I have the urge to take you to some South Sea island, where we can be alone and live and love and die"—this was one phrase read out from the letters sent by Wolfendale.

Other extracts were: "The touch of your lips was stronger than the strongest wine." "You are one in a million," and "The whole idea of drinking beer to excess just nauseates me now."

"MY STRIKING WORTH"

Mr. Basil H. Nield, for Miss Ruane, said that when she was a book-keeper at the Grand Hotel, Morecambe, in 1934, Wolfendale was a visitor there. In December of that year he invited her to a dance and wrote, "A number of hours at a dance would enable you to appreciate the striking worth even behind my ugly front."

Wolfendale asked her to marry him in April 1936. As his firm was sending him to India, it was arranged that the wedding should take place later.

They spent a holiday together at Whitson 1936, when intimacy took place, and he bought her a ring before he sailed for India in October of that year. He was away not quite a year.

Miss Ruane left the hospital where she was detained with threatened appendicitis against doctor's orders in order to meet Wolfendale on his return. They spent a holiday together at Kendal, where intimacy took place, Miss Ruane relying on the wedding taking place as soon as her health permitted.

Later she saw Wolfendale, and he told her, "I cannot go on with it. . . . You have no personality."

Mr. Nield also produced a sketch sent by Wolfendale to Miss Ruane. It depicted a bungalow, a car in the drive, and one figure marked "Me asleep."

STOCK MARKET

REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 12.30 p.m. Saturday, says:

The morning session was quietly steady, with a moderate turnover at the opening quotations.

Buyers
Hongkong Bank \$1.00
Canton Insurance \$2.10
Union Insurance \$4.75
H.K. Electric \$17.80
H.K. Docks (New) \$17.50
Provident (New) \$8.10
H.K. Lands \$2.75
H.K. Tramways \$17.00
Yanmat Fertilizer (Old) \$22.50
China Light & Heat \$3.50
H.K. Electric \$5.50
Macao Electric \$17
Sandakan Light \$10
Cement \$10.40
H.K. Ropes \$3.95
Watsons \$8.05
Entertainments \$7.
H.K. Govt. 4½% Loan Par.
H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan Par.

Sellers
Hongkong Bank \$1.00
China Underwriters \$0.70
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Aeronautical Students

A new type of light aeroplane has been constructed during the past year for a well-known designer by the students of the College of Aeronautical Engineering. The aeroplane will soon be flying. This announcement was made recently by Mr. C. H. Roberts, principal, at the annual dinner and dance of the College of Aeronautical Engineering and the Automobile Engineering Training College.

Mr. Roberts, who presided, proposed the toast of "The Aeronautical and Automobile Industries." He said that the progress of the college had again been most satisfactory, but he was far more pleased at the progress of ex-students who year by year rose to responsible appointments in their professions. A student who qualified in 1936 was now a superintendent engineer with one of the leading air lines. Others who left in 1934 were respectively Air Ministry's Inspector in Charge supervising the manufacture of aircraft in California for the British Government; in charge of the aeronautical section at Wilbur Wright University; chief representative of the Air Registration Board in Cairo and in charge of the automobile department at Wilbur Wright University and official examiner for the Department of Education in South Africa. A new trophy had been presented during the year by Captain G. P. Olley, to be held annually by the students showing conspicuous ability in the practical and commercial branches. This trophy had been awarded for the first time to Mr. A. C. Williams, a New Zealand student.

TRAINING ENGINEERS

Mr. E. C. Gordon England, in reply, said that those who had an opportunity of a training in the College of Aeronautical Engineering had all the world before them. More first-class engineers were wanted in the industry and the difficulty was to get trained men with vision and inspiration. He would urge them not to forget that technical knowledge was frozen information and what the industry wanted was something fluid.

Mr. A. Percy Bradley replied on behalf of the automobile industry, and also proposed the toast of "The Guests."

Mr. F. Handley Page, in acknowledgment, said that the Society of British Aircraft Constructors had been much concerned lately at the lack of real engineers in the aircraft industry. They had to look seriously to the training of the next generation and the society had set up a committee to see in what way they could improve technical education. They had to provide for the trade apprentices, for people from the public schools, for people who wanted years' training in works coupled with some advanced technical instruction, and the university graduates who wanted two or three years' training in the works. Their committee were going round those works which were interested in the training of aircraft engineers and were also taking evidence from other industries, notably the electrical industry, which had made great progress in its technical education. When they had ascertained the facts he hoped it would be possible for the society to get some considered policy for the aircraft industry.

Sir Edward Campbell, Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Secretary of State for Air, also replied.

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DONALD DUCK

By Walt Disney



TSENGSHING RE-TAKEN

CHINESE CLAIM VICTORY IN SOUTH CHINA FIGHTING

It is officially claimed by the Chinese that Tsengshing was re-captured yesterday after heavy fighting and that the Japanese have retreated westward and are concentrating at Chuchuen, on the Tsengshing-Canton highway. A Japanese detachment from Kowkong has captured Chentsun, in the Shuntak district. Chinese guerrillas have been active along the Canton-Samshui Railway.

On the Chekiang front, the Chinese are attempting to capture Hangchow. The bulk of the 63rd Chinese Division has already crossed the Chientang River to the south-west of the city but is meeting with stiff opposition.

In Hopei, the Japanese have launched a general offensive against the Communist forces concentrated in the vicinity of Wukiao, and are reported to have resumed their push westward along the Lunghai Railway in Honan.

Reports from Shanxi claim Chinese successes, and state that a counter-attack on Lishih has been launched.

The Chinese guerrillas harassing the Shewan Channel south of Canton were rounded up as the result of a joint drive by Japanese military and naval forces on Wednesday last says Domet. Units of the Japanese Pearl River flotilla destroyed the Chinese garrison at the mouth of the Channel and several Chinese military boats. Japanese withdrawn from Kowkong.

Kweilin, Jan. 8. A military report states that the bulk of the Japanese forces at Kowkong and Hotsing, 24 miles south-west of Canton, has been shifted to Yukong in the vicinity.

Chinese guerrillas, it is revealed, staged a surprise raid on the enemy at Yukong a few days ago, when many Japanese were killed.—Central News.

Chentsun Attacked

Kongmoon, Jan. 8. A detachment of 400 Japanese from Kowkong attacked Chentsun, a commercial town in Shuntak District, on January 4 and were engaged by the Chinese Self-Defence Corps. The Japanese were later reinforced and the Chinese were compelled to retreat to Shatow, a town in Namhoi District.

It is definitely learned that preparations have been made by the Japanese in Samshui for a drive along the West River in the near

future. Nearly five thousand Japanese have been gathering there, including artillery and cavalry units, while the number of warships off the shore of Hohow is also being increased.—Wah Kiu Yat Po.

Tsengshing Re-captured

Swatow, Jan. 8. It is officially reported that after sanguinary fighting the Chinese troops succeeded to-day in recapturing Tsengshing. The Japanese in Kwongyung Cave, Taiwo, and Kuitow, all near the Canton-Tsengshing highway, have retreated westward. The main Japanese force is said to be concentrating at Chuchuen, a town on the highway.—Wah Kiu Yat Po.

Troop Train Attacked

Shiuhing, Jan. 8. The Japanese along various sections of the Canton-Samshui Railway have been repeatedly harassed by Chinese guerrillas. Late on New Year's Day, over 100 Chinese guerrillas lay in wait for the Japanese who were expected to pass a point near Sainam. As a Japanese military train was passing, the Chinese rushed forward and engaged the Japanese and after half an hour's fighting, nearly forty Japanese were killed, while the locomotive was destroyed.—Wah Kiu Yat Po.

CLOTHING STOLEN

Thieves Busy Towards The Week-End

Clothing valued at \$70, and belonging to various military officers, was stolen from Gun Club Hill, Kowloon, between midnight and 6 a.m. on Friday, according to a report made to the police by Captain Martin, of the R.A.M.C.

Chau Sam, a woman residing at 47 Cooke Street, Hung Hom, has reported that a box containing money and jewellery to the value of \$220 was stolen from her home on Friday.

The residence of another woman, Kwok Pli-tim, was entered between 3 a.m. and 7 a.m. on Saturday, and jewellery, money and clothing valued at \$30 were stolen.

Mr. M. N. Rukusen, residing at No. 4 Village Road, has reported the loss of clothing valued at \$570 from his residence on Saturday night.

Office Stamps Lost

Mr. W. Sharpe, Secretary of the Manufacturers Life Insurance Company, reports that some person stole \$10 worth of postage stamps from the office between 6 p.m. on Friday and 8 a.m. on Saturday.

A water meter, valued at \$50, was reported stolen from the Hung Hom Market on Friday, by Sanitary Inspector A. C. Sinton. The meter is the property of the Government.

APPOINTMENTS

Notifications in The Government Gazette

It is notified in the Government Gazette that Mr. E. H. Williams resumed duty as Crown Counsel on December 30, 1938.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Messrs. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, O.B.E., J.P., and Cyril Champkin, J.P., to be members of the Licensing Board for a further period of three years.

Mr. H. A. Mills is to be Assistant Postmaster General and Chief Accountant, General Post Office, with effect from January 1, 1939.

Drs. Tai Hon-hung, M.B., Ch.B., (Edin.), and Teng Pin-hui, M.B., B.S. (H.K.), are appointed Health Officers. It is also notified that His Majesty the King has been pleased to approve the appointment of the Honourable Mr. Andrew Lusk Shields to be an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council, vice Mr. Marcus Theodore Johnson, resigned, with effect from October 18, 1938.

Social Items

The annual meeting of the Hongkong Group Peace Pledge Union will be held in the Challenge Book Rooms, Ice House Street, on Wednesday, January 11, when, after the routine business, Mr. R. A. D. Forrest will give an address. The meeting opens at 5.30 p.m.

St. John's Cathedral Women's Fellowship are holding a small Sale of Work, together with a Bridge and Mahjong Drive in the Cathedral Hall on January 12, at 3 p.m. Players will be charged \$1 including tea. There is no admission fee, and visitors to the Sale of work may obtain tea at a cost of 50 cents.

The monthly meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of the Society for the Protection of Children will be held in the old City Hall to-morrow at 10 a.m.

PHOTO EXHIBITION

Under Auspices of The S. and S. Club

Entries are being received for the fourth annual exhibition of the Sailors and Soldiers Camera Club, which is to be held at the Sailors and Soldiers Home, 22 Hennessy Road, and opens at 5 p.m. on February 1.

All amateur photographers are entitled to complete in the Open Section, while there is a special Open Section for members of S. and S. Clubs and one for members of the Club.

Six prizes are to be awarded in Section A (General Open) as follows:—1st, prize, engraved silver plaque; 2nd, value \$25; 3rd, value \$15; 4th, value \$10; and 5th, and 6th, Lullaby (Schubert); Lullaby (Brahms);... Sung by Essie Ackland.

Identical prizes will be awarded in Section B (Services Open), and a total of five prizes in Section C (Members).

Catalogues are being prepared, one of which, with prize-winning entries marked, will be mailed to each exhibitor prior to the opening of the exhibition.

Entry forms, with full particulars, may be obtained from the Sailors and Soldiers Home or from most photographic dealers. The last date for receiving entries is Wednesday, January 25, at 5 p.m.

PAPER CHASE IN HILLS

Event Arranged by The European Y.M.C.A.

A paper chase was organised by the European Y.M.C.A. yesterday morning. The course started from the terminal of Waterloo Road, went on to Lion Rock and around the adjoining slopes into the Kowloon Golf Club, ending at the Y.M.C.A. hockey ground, King's Park.

First home was Truscott, of the Royal Signals, followed by Brown of I.L.M.S. Grampus, and J. S. Greenberg. W. A. A. Ferguson acted as the hare. Truscott's time was 1 hour, 16 min., 15 sec. R. Goldman and W. Colledge acted as umpires.

Mrs. A. W. Ingram, wife of the secretary of the Y.M.C.A., presented prizes to the winners in the West Lounge of the European Y.M.C.A.

The next paper chase, which will be a "bill chase" will be held on February 5. The object of this chase will be to throw away as many unwanted bills as possible for the trail. The Paper Chase Club invites as many unwanted bills as possible from people who are being bothered by creditors.

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RAID ON A DIVAN

Nearly Fifty People Smoking Opium

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The keeper of the divan, Chu Hol, appeared before Mr. E. H. Hingworth at the Kowloon Magistracy on Saturday, and was fined \$200, or four months' hard labour, on the charge of keeping the divan, and a further \$10 or another month for possession of the opium.

Haul of Heroin

Arrested in possession of 29,001 heroin pills in a flat at Aberdeen Street on December 30, Kwok Kai, 55, unemployed, was sentenced to 12 months' hard labour, and fined \$2,000 or another six months' hard labour, by Mr. T. J. Houston at the Central Magistracy on Saturday.

Kwok was also charged with possession of one tael of prepared opium, and keeping an opium divan, and was fined \$45 or two months' hard labour, the sentences to be concurrent with those on the other charges.

THEFTS OF TREES

Wood Found Concealed in Wanchai Houses

Three odd-job-coolies, Ip Yun-mul, 29, Cheung Shek-kai, 31, and Cheung Wing-wah, 28, were each fined \$5, or two weeks' hard labour, when they appeared before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy on Saturday, charged with the possession of 400 catties of pine tree wood at No. 1 Electric Street, Wanchai.

Mr. I. P. Tomworth, Assistant Superintendent of Botanical and Forestry Department, said that he raided the flat on a warrant and found the wood hidden beneath several beds. The wood was worth \$9.32.

A woman who was charged with possession of 434 catties of wild tree wood at another house in Electric Street, was fined \$10. Several other men and women similarly charged were each fined \$0 or three weeks' hard labour.

Inspector A. V. Baker prosecuted.

CARNIVAL DANCE

The Diocesan Girls' School was the scene of a gay function on Saturday night, when the Diocesan Old Girls' Association held their annual Carnival Dance there. The hall was thronged with merry makers and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

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6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 New Dance Music and Variety.

Why Talk About Love—Quickstep; Tears In My Heart—Slow Fox-Trot... Henry Jacques and His Orchestra; Fold Your Wings ("Glamorous Night")... Mary Ellis and Trefor Jones acc. by Drury Lane Theatre Orchestra; Ball It In C—Slow Fox-Trot; Doctor Rhythm—Fox-Trot... The New Lyrics; Fleur Bleue—Fox-Trot Chante; Je Chante—One Step Chante... Charles Trenet acc. by Wal-Berg and His Orchestra; What Is Romance?—Slow Fox-Trot; The Chocolate Soldier's Daughter—Quickstep... Roy Fox and His Orchestra; Just In Fun... Max Miller (Comedian); You're An Education—Quickstep; So Long, Sweetheart—Slow Fox-Trot... Henry Jacques and His Orchestra; The Yam Step—As Explained by Fred Astaire; The Yam (Film: Carefree)... Fred Astaire with Ray Noble and His Orchestra; Small Fry—Slow Fox-Trot; A Little Toy Snail Boat—Fox-Trot... Gerald and His Orchestra; Let's All Have a Chorus... With Tommy Handley and His Pals.

7.30 Titto Schipa.

La Camparsita—Tango; Confession—Tango; Princess (Little Princess).

7.40 The Milan Symphony Orchestra.

La Muta di Portici—Overture (Auber); Fra Dinvolo—Overture (Auber); Manon Lescaut—Intermezzo (Puccini).

8.00 Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.05 Studio—"That Music Reminds Me."

8.30 The Latest Dance Music.

Silver On The Sage (Film: The

Texas)—Fox-Trot; There's A Brand New Picture In My Picture Frame (Fox-Trot); Tommy Tucker and His Orchestra; There's Rains In My Eyes—Slow Fox-Trot... Mantovini and His Orchestra; Hush, Here Comes the Dream Man—Slow Fox-Trot; Teddy Tails In Town Today—O/S One Step... Henry Hall and His Orchestra; Algernon, Whit, Osmo, John—Comedy Fox-Trot; When It's Thursday Night In Egypt—Comedy Fox-Trot... Harry Roy and His Orchestra; They Gave Him a Gun To Play With—Fox-Trot; When the Circus Came to Town—Novelty Fox-Trot... Jay Wilbur and His Band.

9.00 London Relay—"Hands Across the Sea" by Noel Coward.

9.30 London Relay—The News.

9.50 A Chopin Programme.

Concerto No. 1 in E Minor Op. 11

...Arthur Rubinstein (Piano) and the London Symphony Orchestra; Nocturne in C Sharp Minor...

Nolan Milstein (Violin); Etude No. 7, Op. 25... Lencer String Quartet; Polonaise in E Flat... Jose Echaniz (Pianoforte).

10.30 London Relay—In Town To-night.

Introducing personalities from every walk of life in interviews with Lionel Gamlin, flashes from the news of the week, and "Standing on the Corner" (Michael Standing interviews the man in the street); Edited and Produced by C. F. Meehan.

11.00 Close Down.

CHILDREN'S PARTY

Russian Community Hold Christmas Festival

St. Voldemar's Day, set aside for children in Russia, was celebrated by the Russian community in Hongkong with a party at the St. Andrew's Church Hall yesterday, when over 70 children were present.

The party was arranged by a committee from the Russian Orthodox Church. They were Mrs. V. Affansieff, Mrs. A. Moors, Mrs. L. Kreloff and Mrs. L. Veriga.

The hall was tastefully decorated, while a Christmas tree laden with bon-bons and toys were placed in the centre. These were later distributed to the children.

A speech was given in Russian by the Rev. Dimitre of the Russian Orthodox Church, while Mrs. A. Shapiro was the leader of the chorus for the singing. Other items included recitation of a number of Russian poems.

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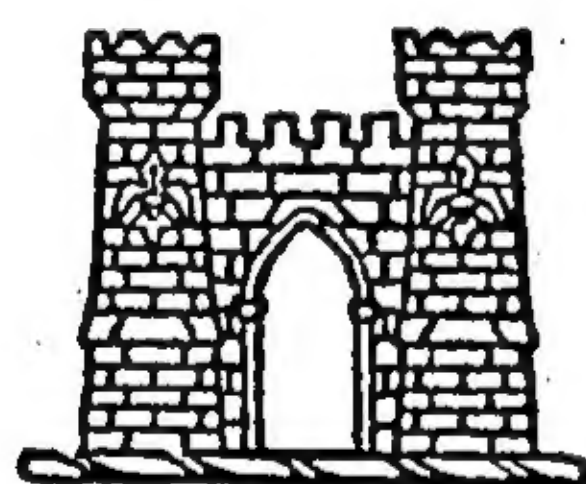
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Appeasement or Peace?

THAT WE SHOULD live at peace with all our neighbours is an ideal that no one would wish to repudiate. Nor need the fact that some nations have adopted forms of Government very different from our own be by itself an obstacle to peaceful relationships between our democracies and their dictatorial regimes.

The difficulty arises, however, in international policies, for countries like Germany and Italy and Japan insist on deciding for themselves what they consider their due, and definitely set about reaching their goals by violent means without any regard to the rights of other peoples. This is an attitude that makes true Peace impossible. In its place the world becomes an anarchy, where Might alone determines right.

Japan overruns China, Italy annexes Abyssinia, Germany seizes Austria and Czechoslovakia. The League of Nations advances a very different plan for World Peace as its objective. It is founded on the democratic virtue of tolerance. The integrity and independence of each nation—however small and insignificant it may be—is to be respected. Violence is no longer to be used by any nation as a means of securing what it considers justice for itself. No nation is to be judge in its own cause. Disputes are to be settled in a third-party world forum and Governments agree to abide by decisions so reached. Patent injustices in relationships are to be remedied by peaceful means in an atmosphere of mutual understanding and goodwill. The united strength of the whole Community of Nations is pledged against aggression and anarchic violence.

This programme for peace is the only one that is workable; and the present unhappy conditions that prevail universally are due to its abandonment by the nations that pay lip service to its tenets but in practice betray its principles.

We have sought appeasement with the militarist aggressive nations by yielding to their demands. The whole fabric of Law and Order has broken down. Every nation is wasting its substance in preparation for the calamity of another World War, which threatens to destroy all the values of the civilisation that has been so painfully built up.

Are we to continue this surrender? It is perhaps not too late even now to return to the League of Nations, for even today the nations that stand for Law and Order, and Peace are sufficiently powerful to check the flood of insanity that threatens to overwhelm the world.

INNOCENT—AND 21 YEARS IN GAOL

IN the early days of the Russian revolution, when the Allies still thought that Russia could be persuaded to continue the war, President Wilson sent a distinguished journalist as an unofficial ambassador to St. Petersburg. The first night after his arrival he awoke to see collected outside his hotel a huge crowd who shouted in unison one word only, "Muni, Muni."

The journalist, impressed by what he took to be a pro-American demonstration, inquired what this curious Russian expression might mean. He was then told that it was the name of a Californian Labour leader who a little while before had been sentenced to death for supposed participation in a bomb outrage.

This man, Thomas J. Mooney, his sentence commuted to life imprisonment, is after 21 years of confinement, to gain his freedom. Last week the Californian Governor kept his promise made at the recent gubernatorial elections, to sign a pardon for his release.

Of Mooney's innocence there is no doubt. The judge at his trial, and nine of the ten surviving jurors, signed a petition for his pardon. Under the heading of "The Lawless Enforcement of Law," the Wickersham Commission, appointed by President Hoover to investigate "Law Enforcement and Observance," drew up a lengthy report on Mooney's case which completely vindicated him.

This section of the report was suppressed. However, by a vote of the Senate, President Hoover was compelled to produce it, and it is from that suppressed report that the following facts of the case are taken.

ON the afternoon of July 22, 1916, a bomb exploded during a pro-war "Preparedness Day" parade in San Francisco. Nine persons were killed and forty wounded. Owing to the failure of the police to examine the site, the nature of the bomb was never determined. Though a tin canister had been seen falling from the roof of a nearby building the police deduced from a cog-wheel belonging to an alarm clock found near the scene by a souvenir-hunter that the explosion was caused by a time bomb concealed in a suitcase. No parts of a suitcase were, however, found.

A private detective, Martin Swanson, previously in the pay of the Employers' Association, was given charge of the case by the District Attorney, and he advised the immediate arrest of Mooney, his wife, two other Labour leaders, Warren Billings and Edward Nolan, and a taxi-driver, Israel Weinberg. The first four were known to be enemies of Swanson's.

Swanson's theory was that the bomb had been manufactured by Nolan and adjusted at another address by Mooney, Billings and Mrs. Mooney, and then taken by Mooney and Billings in Weinberg's taxi to the actual scene of the explosion. To substantiate this theory, Nolan's house was raided, and the District Attorney announced in a Press release that a "mysterious white powder" had been found.

It was not mentioned that analysis had shown that the "mysterious white powder" was Epsom salt. By such methods of Press publicity the District Attorney and Swanson were able to influence public opinion against the prisoners.

None of the witnesses for the prosecution was able to identify any of the prisoners in an identification parade. One of them afterwards, recanting his evidence, stated in an affidavit, "I could not have identified him (Mooney) if the detective inspector had not turned around to me, and said in a low voice, 'This is your man, this is Mooney.'"

There can be no doubt that the prosecution was aware of the unreliable nature of the evidence it was presenting. For example, the principal witness

the ends to be trimmed. Incidentally, all the cigarette makers are men, who, Mr. Redstone thinks, are better at the job than women.

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HEREDITARY GIFTS
Balkan Sobranie owes its reputation to the hereditary gifts of one talented family, who do all the blending themselves, and what that family do not know about tobacco seems hardly worth knowing.

The firm was founded by Mr. Albert Weinberg in the early seventies of last century at the very beginning of the Turkish cigarette trade in this country. Mr. Weinberg was one of the



TOM MOONEY — "Guilty or innocent, they were not going to let him out."

"Telegraph" readers are already familiar with the notorious case of Tom Mooney. In this article, Mr. G. H. C. Bing, a well-known barrister authority on international trials, brings the amazing story up to date, with special reference to the applications made for the release of America's "Dreyfus."

of the supposed meeting with only half to say you saw me on Mrs. Mooney to adjust the bomb July 22 in San Francisco, and that had before the trial made a will be easy dun." Instead, statement to the police saying the friend handed this letter to the Press. After long delays the Californian authorities were compelled to prosecute Oxman for subornation of perjury.

Even at the time of his trial the evidence against Mooney was insufficient. Since his conviction what little evidence there was has been shown to be perjured. Mooney had a strong alibi to show that at the time the bomb exploded he was at home. The prosecution produced only two witnesses to prove that Mooney was ever on the scene of the explosion. One, in prison.

MacDonald, in 1921 made a sworn confession that his evidence was untrue. The other, Oxman, was, after the trial, denounced by an upcountry farmer, who said that at the time of the explosion Oxman was lunching with him and his wife at their farm, some hundred miles from San Francisco.

Oxman tried to rebut this by writing to a friend asking him to give evidence. "You will release of Billings?"

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making now goes back over thirty-three years. Until 1922 the name Balkan Sobranie was known only to a comparatively small circle of connoisseurs. Since then it has achieved a much wider fame the world over.

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GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"So they gimme a pardon, eh? Well, that's society for you—they teach you a trade, then turn you out where you can't make a livin' at it!"

ROYAL SCOTS PLAY SEVENTH DRAWN TIE IN LOCAL SOCCER KWONG WAH MADE TO SHARE HONOURS

(By "Abe")

There is a certain quality in the football of the Royal Scots which defies description. It comes to the surface when least expected—usually when defeat for the Scots appears imminent—and at the last moment enables the team to snatch a point from bewildered opponents.

The Scots' match against Kwong Wah in the First Division of the Football League, played at Kowloon yesterday afternoon, was a case in point. Outplayed by the Chinese for three quarters of the match, the Scots suddenly became revitalised and, facing a two-nil score, managed to share the honours.

Out of 12 matches which they have played in the League to date, the Royal Scots have now drawn seven, two having been won and three lost. While admitting that Kwong Wah were somewhat unlucky in having to share the two points at stake, one can also say that in a way they brought this upon themselves. There was no superiority throughout the first half and the majority of the second; but when they were over-running the Scots, they should have found the net more than twice. Had they seized all the opportunities which came their way, they would have piled up a lead which would have placed them in an unassailable position.

LEAD INSUFFICIENT

As it was, their two-goal lead did not prove sufficient when the Scots staged their magnificent recovery. Their lead was wiped off in quick time by Proctor and Hossack, and at one stage they were even in danger of defeat. Fortunately for them they succeeded in steadying down and in the last minute of the game might have snatched a victory when Leung Bing-kam was presented with an opportunity of shooting. However, he wasted it and the chance did not come again.

Better football was provided by the Chinese, whose attacking movements were always well-conceived. They were also far more impressive in their midfield play when the ball was swung about in an entertaining manner; but they did not always finish well, for too many scoring opportunities being frittered away. The defenders were in fine form, and were never harried by the Scots' attack. Yeung Tse-tsang, the Kwong Wah centre-half, was a tower of strength and outshone even Proctor, who was given a strenuous time by the nippy work of the opposing forwards, among whom Wong King-cheung, the outside left, was always a source of trouble.

TACTICS FAILED

In contrast with the Chinese, the Scots played the close-passing game, but these tactics failed and little progress was made. The Scots also had their chances of scoring in the first half, but faultily shooting nullified some good midfield efforts. The game opened in a manner which suggested that the Kwong Wah were by far the better team. At least, they were playing very attractive football and fully deserved the lead which Chin Chi-fun gave them when he met a corner kick first-time to send the ball into the Scots' net.

Efforts made by the Scots to equalise were not aided by the fact that Allen, at inside left, was injured and had to be assisted shortly before half-time, he was not as effective as he had been before.

In the second half, Cheuk Shek-kum increased the lead for Kwong Wah, but nevertheless the Scots were not discouraged. They took play into Kwong Wah territory and it was from a corner that Proctor reduced the lead with a nice header. Encouraged by this goal, the Scots had a short period of ascendancy, during which they equalised, through Hossack.

Exchanges became very exciting as both teams made strenuous efforts to score the winning goal. The Chinese had their chances, but missed them and the final whistle came with each side claiming a point.

Teams:

Kwong Wah.—Lee Kwok-kee; Hau Yung-sung, Chung Fai-lam; Chung Wini, Yeung Tse-tsang, Wong Wang-gay; Leung Bing-kam, Chin Chi-fun, Cheuk Shek-kum, Chow Man-chi and Wong King-cheung.

Royal Scots.—Duncan; Fraser, McDonald; Adamson, Proctor, Clarke; Munro, Fleming, Hossack, Allen and Holmes.

£40,000 OFFER TO BUY CLUB

London, Dec. 15. Cardiff City directors last night refused a £40,000 offer from Mr. H. H. Merrett, a South Wales sportsman, to buy up all or part of the club shares.

Mr. Merrett also stated that if the deal went through he would spend £20,000 on players and improve the ground facilities at Ninian Park.

Cardiff City shares at the moment are worth between 5s. and 6s. Mr. Merrett offered to buy them at 10s. per share.

If the Cardiff City board had accepted it would have meant a total outlay of £40,000.

The directors held a four-hour meeting before reaching a decision. They issued the following statement: "We have considered Mr. Merrett's offer but have decided not to accept it."

Mr. Merrett, who had waited on the result of the meeting, said: "I am amazed, I have never been so treated in my life. Personally I think it a public duty that Cardiff City should be placed in a strong position. I hope the followers of the club will support me."



That football has become one of the most popular sports in the Colony is evidenced here. The game certainly is not lacking in spectators. —Photo by Jaffer.

BEST RACEHORSE IN THE WORLD Merit Of British Bloodstock

By Robin Goodfellow (Captain Eric Rickman)

London, Dec. 7. Lord Rosebery strongly opposed attempts which, he said, were being made to admit impure strains to the English Stud Book when he spoke last night at the annual meeting of the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association, of which he is Chairman.

The meeting was held at Newmarket after the conclusion of the sales for the day.

The General Stud Book was first compiled and issued in 1791 by an ancestor of its present compilers and publishers, Messrs. Weatherby.

The horses and mares mentioned in Vol. I, and one or two mares recorded for the first time in Vol. II, have formed the sole ancestors of the British thoroughbred, with the exception of a few lines of North American and Australian blood, which were admitted under certain conditions in 1890.

Sired Derby Winners

The principal American strain admitted at that time is represented by the numerous descendants of Orby, who won the Derby in 1807 and sired a Derby winner in Grand Parade.

Later it was realised that this exception had enabled some American horses and mares who were far from being thoroughbred to be admitted to the English Stud Book.

Lord Rosebery reminded the meeting that in 1913 Messrs. Weatherby adopted the suggestion of the Jockey Club that "no horse or mare can after this date be considered eligible for admission to the General Stud Book unless it can be traced without flaw on both sires' and dams' side of its pedigree to horses and mares already accepted in the earlier volumes of the Book." That represents the definition of thoroughbred in this country, and, of course, the great majority of horses running under Jockey Club rules conform to it.

Verdict's Offspring

The most notable exception, apart from imported horses, is represented by Verdict (who had two strains of impure blood) and her offspring, including Quashed and Thunkerton.

"I earnestly hope," Lord Rosebery said, "that no one will ever induce Messrs. Weatherby to alter this rule."

French breeders, he added, had recently joined American breeders in advocating that the English Stud Book should be opened to certain blood which is ineligible, because the pedigrees of a number of French race-horses to-day contain some American blood.

Lord Rosebery recalled the fact that nearly 200 years ago about 70 horses and a dozen mares were imported into North America by British colonists.

COULD NOT BE TRACED

They were indiscriminately mated and when, in 1850, the first volume of the American Stud Book was published, considerably more than half the animals entered could not be traced in their respective female lines to individuals imported from Great Britain.

Lord Rosebery said that Foxhall, who came from the United States via the Cambridgeshire, Cesarewitch, and Ascot Gold Cup in 1881 and 1882, traced back to American cart-horses.

"There is nothing wrong with the British thoroughbred," he declared. "It may have its ups and downs, but in the long run it is the pre-eminent the best racehorse in the world."

Lord Rosebery said that he had not found one single reason why it would be advantageous to admit impure and untraced strains to the English Stud Book.

The Stud Book is a record of pure blood and not of performance, as I was reminded when I expressed regret after Quashed had won the Oaks and the Ascot Gold Cup that neither she nor her descendants could ever gain a place in it.

The purity of the Stud Book is worth defending so long as the British thoroughbred maintains his pre-eminent reputation.

That reputation—and the true value of the Stud Book—depends on the future policy of British breeders and the wise direction of the general system of racing to which their efforts are adapted.

TWO MATCHES DECIDED IN HONGKONG HOCKEY ASSOCIATION TOURNEY

Two matches were decided yesterday in the Hongkong Hockey Association Tournament, the C.B.A. beating the Police "A" at Boundary Street and the Club de Recreio overcoming Police "B" on the same ground.

Starting with only ten men, the Police "A" were hard-pressed, but they soon settled down and took the lead when Faui Singh, the outside right, setting upon a rebound, beat J. J. King.

Exchanges were very even at this stage. Though the C.B.A. were seen in several nice movements, they were unable to find the net for a long period, and only the splendid work of King, between the sticks, saved them

from being further in arrears. King made some fine interceptions in the course of a fierce Police attack. The Police held their slender lead up to five minutes from the interval. A short corner was awarded the C.B.A. and from this George Fowler scored the equaliser.

On resumption the Police played with a full side and subjected the C.B.A. goal to a strenuous time. However, they were unable to penetrate

FAR EAST OLYMPICS PLANNED

Tokyo, Jan. 8. Materialising the decision taken at the conference of mayors of five big cities of Japan last year, the mayors of 24 cities in Japan, Manchukuo and China will assemble in Tokyo in April to inaugurate "the East Asia City League."

The first important plan to be discussed will be the holding of the Far Eastern Olympic Meet. According to the plan, 64 cities participating in the League will send delegates to compete for inter-city championships in various athletic events.

The places where the proposed games will be held, will be chosen from among Tokyo, Hankoing, and Dairen. The meet will take place either this autumn or in spring next year.—Domei.

FINAL POSTPONED

Owing to the wet condition of the ground, the final of the Ladies lawn tennis doubles, which was to have taken place at the U.S.R.C. yesterday, has been postponed to next Sunday, at 3.30 p.m.

NAVY DEFEAT ARMY IN LAST FIXTURE OF TOURNAMENT INTERESTING RUGGER AT CAUSEWAY BAY

(By "Fly-Half")

On Saturday afternoon the Navy defeated the Army by 14 points (a goal and three tries) to nil in the last match of the Triangular Rugby Tournament at Causeway Bay.

The winners held an advantage behind the scrum where the backs, despite the wet ball, handled excellently well. The Army forwards, especially Berry and Crawford, did well the former figuring in many forward rushes.

Rain had rendered the ground rather sodden. The match between the two Club teams, which was played prior to the Triangular Tournament match, had stirred the pitch up a bit. The state of the ground suited the Army, as fast back play was more or less out of the question.

Crawford captained the Army side in the absence of Cuthbertson through injury. Cuthbertson, it is understood, is still suffering from the effects of a wrenched knee and damaged ankle received in the game against the Club a fortnight ago. Another absence through injury was Ldg. Sen. Romans, of the Navy. He had injured his knee whilst playing for H.M.S. Eagle against the Club last Wednesday.

GOOD FORWARDS

The Navy forwards were collectively equally as good as their opponents, whilst such players as Berry, Crawford and Page were always prominent in the loose. Navy forwards were superior in the line-outs and their backing up was splendid. Darling, Ogle and Witherden were up with the play on most occasions.

Talbot excelled at scrum-half for the Navy despite the fact that he was very slow in being healed. Both inside three in the Navy team played cleverly and showed good understanding with each other's play. An effective movement which the Navy backs carried out time and again was that of an inside three dashing in and taking the ball between the scrum-half and the stand-off. This made it difficult for the Army stand-off to know which man to take.

Askwith's forceful running was once again much in evidence. Stevens, at full-back for the Navy, was very slow in being healed. Both inside three in the Navy team played cleverly and showed good understanding with each other's play. An effective movement which the Navy backs carried out time and again was that of an inside three dashing in and taking the ball between the scrum-half and the stand-off. This made it difficult for the Army stand-off to know which man to take.

Boe and Hook were the pick of the Army backs.

NAVY SCORE

Navy were not long in making a score as within 10 minutes Hamdin

scored well out. Elliot failed with the attempt to convert. Not long after this Askwith, by an amazing run of half the length of the field, scored just wide of the posts. Elliot had no difficulty in adding extra points. For a period play was fairly even, both sides using the boot and rush method of play.

Then half way through the second period, Talbot sent Elliot away on the blind side to score well out. Witherden failed to convert. Skelton completed the Navy scoring with a try which resulted from a "three" movement.

At the conclusion of the game, H.E. the Commander-in-Chief, Vice-Admiral Sir Percy Noble presented the Triangular Tournament Cup to Lt. Elliot, the captain of the Navy team.

Teams:

Army.—Lt. Lomax (8th Heavy); Cpl. Pratt (Seatorths); Lt. Hook (8th Heavy); Lt. Cpl. Boe (Royal Scots); Pte. Ferguson (Middlesex); L. Sgt. Lang (R.A.O.C.); Cpl. Nealon (Royal Scots); L. Sgt. Page (5th Anti-Aircraft); Lt. Crawford (Signals); Captain, Lt. O'Dyly (Royal Scots); Gnr. Evans (5th Anti-Aircraft); Pte. Berry (Middlesex); Pte. Richardson (Seatorths); Lt. Cpl. Sutherland (Royal Scots); Spr. Appley (Royal Engineers); Reserves, L. Sgt. Marshall (Royal Scots); Sgt. Black (Royal Scots); Spr. Pike (Royal Engineers).

Navy.—Pty Lt. Stevens (H.M.S. Kent); Ldg. Tel. Kelly (Kent); P. O. Askwith (Dainty); Lt. Skelton (Medway); Pay Mid. Hankin (Kent); Lt. Elliot (Eagle); Capt. Lt. Talbot (Medway); Ldg. Sen. Romans (Eagle); Mr. Witherden (Duncan); Lt. Boddington (Medway); P. O. King (Tamar); Lt. Darling (Medway); Lt. Ogle (Medway); Lt. Griffiths (Medway); Sub. Lt. Hain (Eagle).

CLUB SIDES MEET

Prior to the T.T. match, two Club sides met. The result was a draw of six points each. Walkden, former Club captain, made his first appearance in Saturday fixtures for the season. He had just returned from leave a week ago. His packing with Peers in the second row appeared to be successful.

Hutchinson played a good game at stand-off half for colours.

Too Much Importance Attached To Toss In Cricket Test Matches

The importance of winning the toss in cricket is raised once again—this time by Don Bradman, who, talking over the radio recently, ruefully remarked that he had called "heads" four times in the Tests in England, and four times seen Hammond's coin come down "tails."

The only thing which prevented him making a fifth wrong call was Manchester's rain, specially provided for the occasion.

Of course, this whole matter of conspiring in affairs of such terrible importance as Test matches is ridiculous. Cricket is already too much at the mercy of the weather. An hour or two of rain can ruin a side's chances, says Geoffrey Simpson in the Daily Mail.

That cricket cannot help, but when, in 10 matches out of 20, the advantage is with the team batting first, why leave the batting order to a copper coin? Or a silver one, if you like.

If Bradman wants a remedy, this is it: Let the team winning the toss in the opening Test have first knock. After that there should be no coin spinning. The other side should bat first in the next game . . . and so on, alternately.

Even this arrangement would mean that the captain winning the toss at the start of the series would guarantee his team first use of the wicket in three of five matches—and surely that is sufficient advantage?

"CALLS" PREFERRED

It is a curious thing about "tossing for choice" that the advantage is usually with the man with the coin. And in Test cricket the rule is, for the home captain to toss; the visitor to call.

Do you know that gamblers prefer their opponents to call? It is, the

some when it comes to cutting a pack of cards for a stake. The gambler always offers his rival first cut.

In the case of a coin spin it should be even money on "heads" or "tails," but the odds against either, as Bradman will say, seem greater. One can have a sequence of "heads," or a run of "tails," . . . and that's why Test cricket should not be decided by such a method.

I shall be told that batting and bowling win Test matches, which is true. But you cannot get away from the fact that when sides possessed of such batting strength as England and Australia meet on a good wicket, the side winning the toss has a powerful advantage.

CHAPMAN'S LUCK

The one England captain who seemed able to beat the odds which, somehow or other, are against the "caller" was A. P. F. Chapman. When he was in Australia he "named it right" three times, and England won the series.

But Chapman has a reputation for luck in this matter. When he was regularly captaining Kent rival players referred darkly to Perry's abominable luck. Up would go his coin, and down it would come in the required manner.

Well—Chapman's secret, if secret it can be called, is that his lucky coin came out of a Christmas pudding. It was Christmas in Australia, and when Chapman forked his portion of pudding, "dug out" a golden half-sovereign.

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WHEN you write a letter, do you ever follow it with your mind's eye to its destination? Do you visualize the expression on the face of the recipient when reading the contents?

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Which colour do your letters take with them?

If you are a bad correspondent, check the habit of putting off answering letters. Make it a golden rule to reply to all letters within three days of receiving them. If you delay, your letter will have to consist mostly of an apology, and that won't bring back a very cheerful answer.

Friendships thrive on pen and paper, but fade away for want of response. Strangely enough, the more you write the more news you will find to give.

What to say is often a problem. But it ought not to be. Pick out all the happy bits of news to relate. Never grumble or complain. If you have to mention illness or distress try to make light of it. By the time your letter is delivered the trouble will probably be improved, and your friends will worry needlessly.

Write to your friends as you would talk to them. The essence of a letter is that it should be personal. Nobody will thank you for a discourse on the European situation. It is a little thing like the couple that did not rise, your new jumper, or your visit to the theatre that make interesting reading for your friends.

When answering a letter, read it through carefully so that you can begin by referring to things mentioned in it before starting off on your own affairs. Always acknowledge money and invitations at once, even though you have only time to scribble a post card.

What to Avoid

Never write unkind letters. The urge to write and "tell that person off" is often strong. Maybe he—or she—has said something nasty about you or appeared to slight you in some way or other. Spoken angry words can be forgotten if they are not said too often, but written words become photographed on the mind and live long to haunt us.

If you have a sick friend or one in trouble, make time to sit down and send a word of sympathy and cheer. It is the thought that matters, not what you write.

Remember that a birthday letter is doubly appreciated if you post it in time to arrive on the right date! Keep an address book to avoid having to omit writing a letter owing to lack of an address.

Regarding replies to invitations, remember to use the same form of speech when replying. This person calls for third person, a friendly, informal note for such another in reply. It is always a safe and polite rule to repeat the essentials, such as

PLAYTIME FASHIONS

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BIG sister chooses a shirt with easy fitting pleated shorts. Her two younger sisters look charming in their printed cotton tub frocks. Baby is proud of the appliqued duck on her gay check rompers, while sonny, kneeling, looks very 'manly' in his dark linen knickers and short-sleeved shirt.

the time and date of an invitation in the answer, whether the reply is formal or the reverse.

HOW often has an excursion been spoiled by some member of the expedition exclaiming, "I can't go any farther; my feet ache so!"

Although it is true that in some cases, the cause may not be the fault of the individual, the vast majority of foot troubles are due to the person concerned.

Carelessness, ignorance or pride are the chief culprits. People cannot be bothered to get suitable shoes for walking. Some do not realize that feet unused to long walks will not function like those of an athlete.

Others have purchased shoes because they look nice or because they make the feet look small.

If you want shoes that will carry you over miles of country, over hill

Are your feet SPOIL-SPORTS?

and dale, then buy a pair with thick soles and soft uppers, a pair that really fit. Break them in a week or two before the holiday.

Those who suffer most from foot troubles are the people with thin bony feet, flat feet or feet that perspire too freely.

Size, Please

The first class should be careful in their choice of footwear. They require bigger shoes relatively than those with fat feet because the latter are already padded and the friction of a tight shoe does not affect them to the same extent. A thinly covered foot quickly chafes if shoes are too tight.

Flat feet are those where the normal arch which gives a spring to the gait has fallen and the patient instead of being held up by the elastic bands underneath the foot, walks on the more solid bony joints of the foot.

There is no cure for flat foot in an advanced stage because the bones have changed in shape and nothing will ever alter that, but a considerable amount of relief can be obtained by wearing a soft spongy inner sole to the shoe.

In the early stages flat feet will usually yield to exercise, helped by the building-up of the shoe on its inner edge so as to throw the weight of the body on to the outer

ALTHOUGH we are having cold weather these days, it won't be long before the children will be throwing off their heavy clothes and demanding something lighter. Why not start preparing now.

Now that the sales are on, you will find plenty of remnants from which the practical designs illustrated can be made.

Look at these happy youngsters—they play freely and easily as their clothes don't worry them.

Twelve-year-old Tommy daughter will choose shorts as No. 1174. These are more feminine this year, with plenty back and front to give a skirt-like appearance.

Grey flannel or light coloured

linens are used with orange, bright green, or scarlet blues.

Little Tommy in his short-sleeved shirt and dark blue linen knickers, No. 1175, is getting down to business. Holding Tommy's hand is Mary in a practical cotton frock, No. 1176, with useful buttoned bodice and knickers to match.

"Isn't the show great?" says eight-year-old Sue. She wears an easy-to-mulke frock, No. 1177, belted at waist and with contrast collar and binding on puff sleeves.

Baby can't spoil this romper, No. 1178, and can tumble about in the sand to her heart's content. She will be well pleased if you decorate it with a small duck or woolly lamb.

Recipe ORANGE AND BANANA TART

MASH three bananas with a little caster sugar. Add a cupful of orange juice, the juice of half a lemon, and sufficient fine sponge cake crumbs to form a cream. Line a tart plate with short crust pastry, and bake with the inside weighted with rice so that it does not rise. When the pastry is cold, fill with the orange mixture, make a circle of very thin orange slices all round the edge, and sprinkle chopped blanched almonds over the centre.

Hat and Muff Set of Fur

New York.

Buying clothes is always a thrilling adventure, but is even more so this season. If you are a good budget-stretcher you will enjoy the idea of owning a half dozen hats. That's the general idea—a hat for every costume and for every occasion and, what's more, a muff to match some of them.

The new muffs are either of fur or of corded or shirred velvet. Evening muffs made of other fabrics while those bridesmaids carry are often of flowers.

MUFFS ARE PRETTY

Muffs are also happy combinations of fur and the same cloth as in the coat. Most of them are good looking if a bit spectacular in size and shape, it being the large muff as well as the large bag that is the present vogue.

The winter coat problem is probably behind you, but if it isn't and you are looking for just what you want, it's encouraging to report that while some coats are literally buried under fur, there are also very trim and stylish ones without. There has been a good deal of talk in fashion columns about coloured coats but they are not any too easy to find.

Among the many fashion shows New Yorkers attended have been some confined to furs alone, and, as one might expect, the luxury angle was played up. At one fox dominated, at another ermine, but as one gets around one sees that smart women are wearing sable, mink and baum marten scarfs made of three to five skins and adjusted at will. Fur hats or hats partially of fur are very much in vogue, but since hats seem to get smaller and smaller, one needsn't worry very much about the amount of fur it takes to make one.

Paris.

Maggy Rouff's midseason collections contain many suits. Blouses in satin or lingerie type accompany all suits. Newest silhouette suggests bustle outline through panel of gathered fullness at back of skirt. Gay colour notes feature

"Blond Bebe," "Marine Maggy," "Vert Vitriol," and "Grand Grenat."

Paquin presents youthful plaid suits and elaborated evening gowns. Spring-like collection features Corbeau blue for evening—tweeds in creamy tones. . . . Hoods in formal interpretations, combined with shoulder caplets. . . . Ruches, embroidery, fabric linings important.



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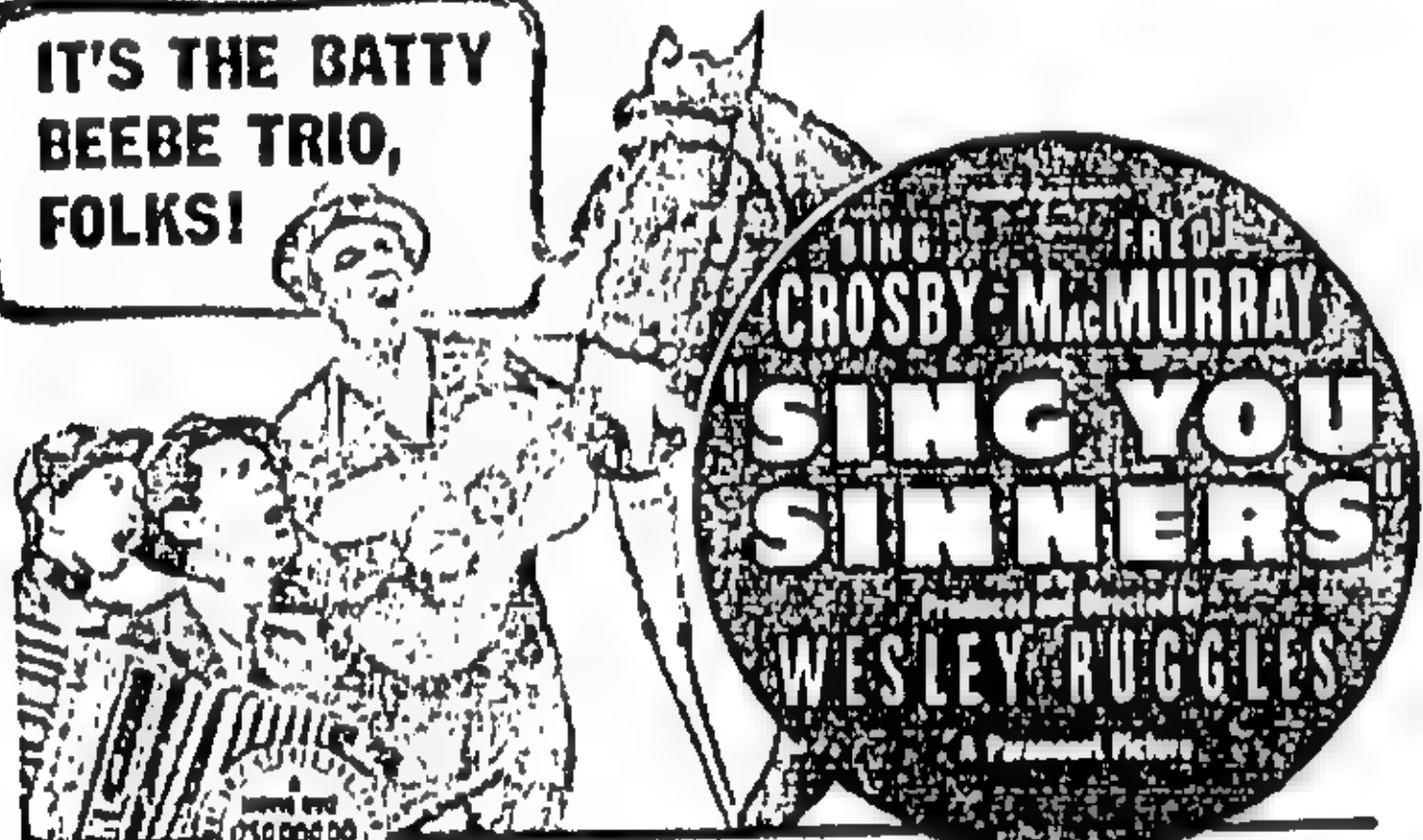
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REFUGEE PROBLEM

American Ambassador And Mussolini

Washington, Jan. 7.
In answer to a question on the subject the Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. Sumner Welles, made a statement concerning the conversation that the American Ambassador, Mr. William Phillips, had with Mussolini in Rome last week.
Mr. Sumner Welles confirmed the report that the conversation concerned the problem of emigration of Jews from Germany, but refused to furnish any further particulars.
Mr. Welles emphasized, however, that Mussolini had shown a "conciliatory attitude."
In well-informed circles it is declared that the American Ambassador submitted to Mussolini further details of the plan for settlement of Jewish refugees in Abyssinia, and intimated that the United States would be prepared to assist in financing this project.—Trans-Ocean.

Co-ordinating Committee

London, Jan. 7.
The Co-ordinating Committee for Refugees, set up five years ago, which now has Lord Hailey as its Chairman, is making arrangements for grouping of various refugee organizations to whose varied efforts it seeks to give a unified direction in one office building in Central London.
Among Lord Hailey's assistants is Sir Henry Bunbury, former Controller and Accountant General to the Post Office.—British Wireless.

Australian Plan

Canberra, Jan. 7.
Australia is making preparations to protect herself against an influx of undesirable emigrants from Europe, according to a statement made to-day by Mr. John McEwen, Home Minister of Australia.
A net of migration offices is to be opened in co-operation with welfare associations for fugitives. All emigrants wishing to receive permission to settle in Australia are to undergo in these offices an examination by trained Australian immigration officers as to their suitability as Australian settlers.
Australia thus hopes to keep out those who would fail to become useful citizens.—Trans-Ocean.

COMBINED SERVICE

Local Anglican And
Methodist Churches

A picturesque procession headed by the St. John's Cathedral and St. Andrew's and Christ Church choirs, with their congregations, left Statue Square at 8 p.m. yesterday for the Cathedral, where a combined service was held by the Anglican and Methodist Churches of Hongkong and Kowloon.
Yesterday's "Combined Service of Witness" was presided over by the Bishop, the Right Rev. R. O. Hall, and is the culmination of a week of prayer which commenced on Monday, January 2, when the Cathedral was open for Private Prayer and Meditation for half an hour before and after each service.
Among the clergy taking part in the procession were the Reverends J. R. Higgs, A. Rose, H. D. Rosenthal, J. C. L. Wong, P. Short, MacKenzie Dow, J. E. Sandbach, and Eric Moreton.

CAR RUNS OFF ROAD

Occupants Have a Narrow
Escape from Death

Lee Siu-fong, assistant manager of the Wing On Bank, his wife and two children, were involved in a traffic accident yesterday and narrowly escaped death or serious injury.
Lee was driving to Kowloon from Pingshan when the steering gears of the car went out of control near the 17th milestone, resulting in the car going over an embankment, 20 ft. high.
None of the occupants of the car was seriously injured.

Another Mishap

A car collided with a tree in Robinson Road on Saturday when the driver swerved to avoid knocking down a boy. No one was injured.

MEXICAN PAYMENT

Britain Receives Sum For Oil

Mexico City, Jan. 8.
The Mexican Foreign Minister today handed to the Danish Minister here, who is acting on behalf of the British Legation, a cheque for £15,000, compensation in respect of British oil interests expropriated during the revolutionary period in Mexico, representing an annual instalment due under the Joint Claims Commission award.
Mexico is thus up to date with regard to her obligations, at present. Cheques were also handed to the French and Italian representatives in settlement of the Mexican Government's indebtedness for the current quarter.—Reuter.

STABBED IN QUARREL

Aggressive Tailor Sent
To Prison

While sitting together by a roadside bookstall, Yeung Hon-fuk, 17, unlicensed hawkker, accidentally dropped his burning cigarette on the head of Chun Kam, a tailor, who was attempting to run down Stanley Street, Chan attacked him with a knife, cutting Yeung across the chest.

On Saturday, Chan was charged before Mr. T. J. Houston at the Central Magistracy with inflicting grievous bodily harm, and was sentenced to six months' hard labour, and to be under police supervision for two years. Defendant had a previous conviction for a similar offence.

LATE NEWS

Steamer Wrecked Near Manila

Manila, Jan. 8.
The motorship Silver Yew, using her lifeboats, to-day removed 11 passengers from the vessel, Silver Crest.

The twelfth passenger made his way ashore and is travelling to Manila by train.
Tugs are standing by the Silver Crest which is piled on the rocks. The majority of the crew are hopeful that the ship will be refloated.
Meanwhile the Silver Crest agents in Manila denied that the ship is breaking-up.—United Press.

LOYALTY AFFIRMED

Kuomintang Members In South China

Shanghai, Jan. 8.
Except those tied down by administrative duties, all members of the Kuomintang Central Executive Committee and Central Supervisory Committee resident in South China are leaving for Chungking to attend the all-important fifth plenary session of the Party on January 20, when the policy of continuing the war of resistance against Japan will be confirmed.

Those Committee members who can attend are sure to go, lest they should be suspected of secretly backing the peace manoeuvres of Mr. Wang Ching-wei. Members of the People's Political Council will also leave Kwangtung for Chungking for the same reason. Besides a semblance of unity is needed to impress the world that the exit of Mr. Wang Ching-wei did not affect the internal situation.

To make known that they have nothing to do with Mr. Wang or the Reformists, Kuomintang members have issued a circular telegram declaring their loyalty to the Central Authorities and some of them will be rewarded with posts vacated by followers of Mr. Wang. High officers in Kwangtung have also issued a telegram endorsing Mr. Wang's peace proposals.—Special.

Legislative Members Dismissed

Chungking, Jan. 8.
Messrs. Lin Pail-sheng and Hsiao Chin-shou were dismissed from their posts as members of the Legislative Yuan by a mandate of the National Government yesterday. Messrs. Wu Yun-peng and Chuen Tseng-chia were appointed to succeed them.—Central News.

SCORPION'S VOYAGE

Splendid Seaworthiness Of River Gunboat

In making the passage from Cowes to Hongkong under her own steam, the river gunboat Scorpion, which has become flagship of the Rear-Admiral and Senior Naval Officer in the Yangtze, has given further testimony to the soundness of the construction of these sturdy little vessels.

The Scorpion, of 670 tons displacement, was built by J. Samuel White and Co., of Cowes, and the contract called for her delivery at Hongkong, where she was taken over by the Navy on November 10. Earlier vessels of the river gunboat class have been shipped in sections and reconstructed in China, or in very rare cases have been towed out after being strengthened for the passage by the fitting of extra bulkheads. The Scorpion made the voyage of some 10,000 nautical miles under her own power.

The vessel was taken over at Cowes by F. P. Barney and Co., Limited, ship and insurance brokers, who specialize in the delivery of vessels abroad, and left on September 2. She was under the command of Captain W. G. T. Tingey, a master mariner who has been with the firm for several years, and had a crew of 17 all told.

Calls were made at Gibraltar, Malta, Port Said, Aden, Bombay, Colombo, Singapore and Miri.
The ship would have proceeded in the ordinary way from Singapore to Hongkong, but because of an impending north-east monsoon the captain elected to sail via Miri and the Palawan Passage. She reached Hongkong on November 6.

When it is remembered that the ship's draught of water is only 3 ft. in light condition, and 6 ft. when loaded with bunker oil, with a mean draught of 5 ft. 2 in. at standard displacement, her arrival without the slightest damage at her destination reflects great credit on all concerned in the undertaking.—The Times.

8 Million See Glasgow Fair

London.
So far 8,000,000 people have visited the Empire Exhibition at Glasgow since its opening by the King and Queen last May. It is expected that another 4,000,000 will be added to this figure before the exhibition closes on Oct. 29.

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Paris, Jan. 7.

The father of the German Legation Counsellor, Herr Ernst von Rath, assassinated in Paris, former Counsellor von Rath, who was admitted as plaintiff, was questioned to-day for two hours at the Palais de Justice by the French examining magistrate. He was accompanied by his son, Guenther von Rath.

Replying to a question of the magistrate, the father of the murdered diplomat declared, "With respect to a certain Press campaign and news, the Nitta Maru, Yawata Maru and Kinsaga Maru, will take the water next June. Developing a speed of 21 knots, they will be placed on the European run."

The Argentina Maru and Brazil Maru, under construction for the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, will be launched in June and put on the South American line, each being of 13,000 tons, with a speed of 20 knots.
Another new passenger boat for the Nippon Yusen Kaisha will be completed in 1941 and commissioned on the San Francisco line. She will be of 27,000 tons, with a speed of 24 knots.—Domei.

London, Jan. 7.

During the absence of the King from England while touring Canada and the United States in the Spring, his place as ruler of the country will be taken by a specially appointed Council of State.
According to the law enacted in 1937 this Council of State will consist of the nearest relative of the absent ruler, including wife or husband, respectively.
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Prior to enactment of the 1937 Regency Law an absent King of England was represented by the Prime Minister, the Lord Chancellor and the Archbishop of Canterbury.
This was changed because the political equality of rights accorded to the Dominions disallowed a Minister of the home country to exercise Royal functions over the Dominions.—Trans-Ocean.

London, Jan. 8.

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After the hearings the magistrate expressed his deepest sympathy to the father of the murdered young diplomat.—Trans-Ocean.

BRITISH NAVY

Cruiser Liverpool

Commissioned

London, Jan. 8.

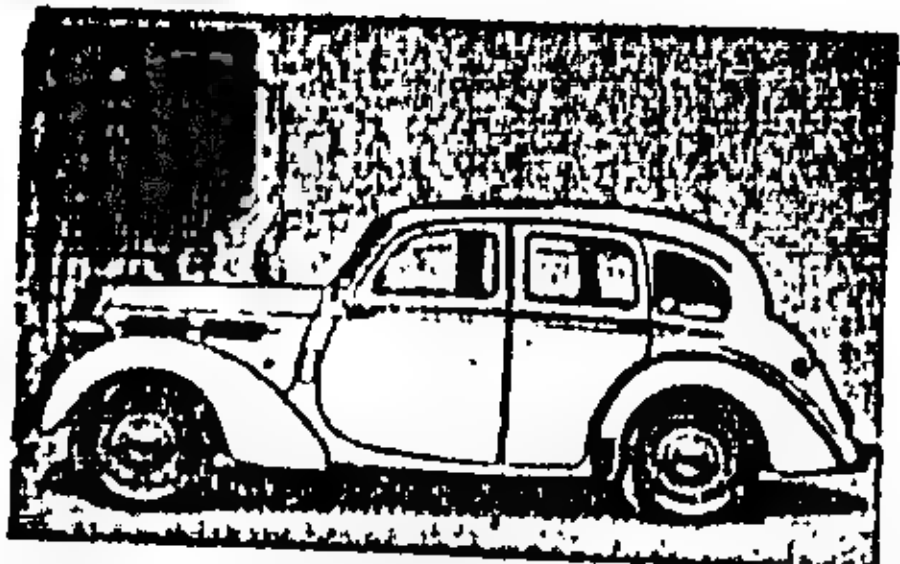
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HUNGARY PRESENTS ULTIMATUM

BORDER TENSION GROWS AS NEW CLASH REPORTED

PRAGUE, Jan. 8.
IT IS STATED THAT AN ULTIMATUM HAS BEEN PRESENTED BY THE HUNGARIANS TO THE CARPATHO-UKRAINIAN GOVERNMENT.

The ultimatum demands that the Basilov monastery, which is situated in Carpatho-Ukrainian territory, be turned over to Hungary, and threatens, in the event of refusal, to resort to force.

The time limit of the ultimatum expired to-night.—Trans-Ocean.

HUNGARIANS FIRE ON FLAG OF TRUCE

A NEW SHOOTING incident of a serious nature occurred to-day near Ungvar, when, according to a semi-official Ukrainian report, Hungarian irregulars crossed the frontier this morning near the village of Douhe, and attacked Czechoslovak frontier guards.

Following 30 minutes of fighting, during which time numerous shots were fired, the Hungarians withdrew from Czechoslovak territory.

The Czechoslovak liaison officer, Lieut. Novotny, and Corporal Franz Hacha, then approached the scene of the incident, bearing white armlets, and carrying a white flag, to establish contact with Hungarian officers, and to ascertain the reason for the clash.

As they appeared in the village street at Douhe, they were fired upon by the Hungarians. Corporal Hacha receiving serious wounds in the chest, and Lieut. Novotny having his coat pierced by a bullet.

JAPANESE STATION CLOSED IN S'HAU

Strong British Action Brings Protest

SHANGHAI, Jan. 8.
ACCORDING TO THE Japanese press, the British military action in closing the Japanese-sponsored Greater Shanghai Municipality police station in Great Western Road last Thursday is "assuming very serious proportions."

Japanese investigations show that the five-barred flag was torn in pieces, mud was thrown at a photograph of Prince Konohe, and a Chinese policeman was beaten.

The newspapers state that an official of the Greater Shanghai Municipal Government was refused permission to interview Major-General Telfer-Smollett in an effort to protect against the British action.

The newspaper "Maimichi" writes: "This British act of vandalism should be answered by decisive steps by Japan. The British resorted to action of the most malignant kind."

British military authorities state that they closed the police station because it was inside the British defence sector.

The authority of the Japanese-sponsored Chinese officials is not recognized in this area.—United Press.

Several other frontier incidents of a less serious nature have also been reported from various points on the Carpatho-Ukrainian-Hungarian border, Hungarians having in most cases, according to Ukrainian report, attacked frontier guards.

HUNGARIAN COMMUNIQUE

Budapest, Jan. 8.

A message from Budapest quotes a semi-official Hungarian communiqué regarding to-day's clash between Hungarians and Czechoslovaks near Ungvar. The communiqué claims that a band of about 200 Ukrainian terrorists started the fight by attacking Hungarian frontier guards. The aggressors were stopped by the guards and compelled to retreat. Reinforcements were summoned from Munkacs, but were not put into action.

Frontier officials immediately began investigation into the affair, but even while this was going on, occasional firing from the Czech side continued. It is further stated that no Hungarian casualties resulted from the incident.—Trans-Ocean.

Bush Fire Threat To Victoria Towns

Melbourne, Jan. 8.

Fierce bush fires, caused by the heat wave in which the State of Victoria is sweltering, are threatening the destruction of the mining towns of Erica and Wathalla.

Both places are surrounded by flames. A rail tractor was sent beyond Erica, but it has not yet returned, and fears are expressed for its safety.

Bush fires have already destroyed many houses and valuable stocks of timber, and the fate of many residents is not known.

Melbourne is experiencing its worst drought for 25 years, and the hottest weather for 25 years.

The thermometer to-day soared over 100 degrees, and in other parts of the State readings varied between 100 and 110 degrees.

Forty-four houses, valued at £40,000 were destroyed by bush fires at Dromana, a seaside resort 40 miles from Melbourne. Holiday-makers, occupying the houses, fled to the beach and watched them burn.—Reuter Special.

ATTACKED BY PIRATES

Five Killed In Yangtse Outrage

SHANGHAI, Jan. 9.
THE GERMAN STEAMER Hansa was attacked on Sunday on the Lower Yangtse near Woosung by Chinese pirates.

Approaching the steamer in several junks, the pirates opened fire, killing five Chinese passengers and wounding several others.

The German steamer returned the fire and prevented the pirates from boarding the ship, which, speeding up, escaped the attackers, and reached Shanghai on Sunday evening.—Trans-Ocean.

PREMIER TO TAKE PEACE PROPOSALS

LONDON, Jan. 8.
THE "UNITED PRESS" has obtained the following exclusive information from authoritative political quarters in London.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, when he goes to Rome on Tuesday, will take with him a message from the Loyalist Spanish Government to use, if he sees fit, in influencing Italy's future attitude in the Spanish conflict.

Silver Plan May Be Abandoned

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.

DECLARING THAT the United States' five-year silver buying policy had failed to obtain its objectives, Messrs. Handy and Harman, noted silver brokers, declare in their annual review of the silver market that "facts and figures" indicate the probability of the ultimate repealing of the Silver Purchase Act of 1934.

"We believe that those interested in silver should take into consideration the likelihood of such action by Congress in the future, and the effect of the market unsettlement which would be caused by the withdrawal of Government support."

Continuing the review, the authors state: "The year 1938 indicates clearly the market's complete dependence upon the support of the United States Government."

It estimates that the 1938 world production of silver was 204,800,000 ounces, apportioned as follows: United States, 61,400,000; Mexico, 25,000,000; Canada, 23,300,000; South America, 32,400,000; and all other countries, 62,700,000 ounces.

REDUCED OUTPUT

The total output showed a reduction of 9,000,000 ounces, or about three and a half per cent, from last year's record figures, and of this amount, the United States accounts for the largest proportion.

The review also observes: "China again proved the largest source of supply for demountable silver. Official reports from the Chinese Maritime Customs covering the first 11 months of the year show that over 60,000,000 ounces were exported, of which 5,000,000 ounces were sent direct to England, and nearly 55,000,000 to Hongkong."

In the latter case, silver, plus other coins received prior to 1939 was trans-shipped from Hongkong to England to swell the holdings for the Chinese account already in London, and from these holdings a steady stream of coin flowed into the United States throughout the year. Presumably its ultimate destination was the United States Treasury.

It is estimated that about 210,000,000 ounces of silver were shipped from London, and about 25,000,000 ounces still remain, according to advice from abroad.

Continuing, the review says: "In addition to the foregoing, there were sales in London on the Japanese account, which we also consider to be Chinese. Part of this silver was in the form of bars, refined in Japan, and part in Chinese coin, refined in London. Our estimate of such supplies, in excess of Japanese mine production is 15,200,000 ounces."

HONGKONG SHIPMENTS

"Hongkong shipped about 3,000,000 ounces of refined and unrefined silver to London, and about 140,000 ounces of coin to San Francisco."

The message contains two assurances:

Firstly, in the event of a Loyalist victory, Spain would not become a Communist State, but would remain a Liberal and Parliamentary democracy.

Secondly, repudiation of an anti-Italian policy.

The assurances were given to the British Government before General Franco made any noteworthy advance in the present offensive against Catalonia, and therefore they are not a result of military pressure, or fear of a Loyalist collapse, but are based on the Loyalist assumption that the offensive would ultimately be checked, without any decisive state being reached.

Consequently it is expected that Mr. Chamberlain will use the assurances in his conversations with Signor Mussolini only if the Loyalists in such a way as to indicate that they are still capable of prolonged resistance.—United Press.

FRANCE UNINTERESTED

Paris, Jan. 8.

That the visit of Mr. Chamberlain and Viscount Halifax is a friendly gesture emanating from the British side, and that it bears no connection whatever with mediation in Italy, was emphasised to-day in political circles, anxious to dispel the rumours that there is a possibility of the Prime Minister arranging a settlement with Signor Mussolini.

It was declared that in view of the present tension prevailing between France and Italy, negotiations of any kind would be inappropriate, and that as long as the present Italian press campaign continues, there can be no possibility of an understanding.

Paris circles make the Italian press directly responsible for the present conditions.

The Rome conference, it is declared, will be purely an Anglo-Italian affair.

Political circles state that the visit of the two British statesmen, to the Quai d'Orsay will be devoted principally to discussion of the Spanish question. In view of the new insurrectionist offensive, French circles are hoping that the British statesmen will obtain Italian assurances that the status quo in western Mediterranean will be observed.

It is even intimated that the French Government will urge the British Ministers to give the Spanish problem a foremost position in their home discussions.—Trans-Ocean.

These accounts we attribute also to China, making the total supplies from that source 240,300,000 ounces.

The review adds that it is estimated that the total United States acquisitions of silver during 1938 was 410,200,000 ounces, which is the largest recorded, except for 1935, when the figure of 534,800,000 ounces was recorded.

The total for 1938, added to the 2,171,800,000 ounces on hand at the beginning of the year amounts to 2,582,000,000, which represents the estimates of the Treasury holding as of December 31 last.—United Press.

WHAT CZECHS LOST IN SEPT. CRISIS

PRAGUE, Jan. 8.
THE OFFICIAL STATISTICAL BUREAU has published official data on the new Czechoslovakia.

The area of the Republic now comprises 60,347 square miles. 24,597 square miles were surrendered to other countries after the conference in Munich on September 29.

Of this Germany received 17,208; 7,104 went to Hungary and Poland received 651.

Of the three parts of the new federal state: Slovakia, Carpatho-Russia and the historical unit of Moravia-Silesia-Bohemia; Slovakia is administratively the largest. It has an area of 23,073 square miles, Moravia-Silesia has 10,152 square miles and Carpatho-Russia 6,055 square miles. Moravia-Silesia-Bohemia which to-day are combined in a political unit altogether have an area of 20,617 square miles—49 per cent. of the area of the entire country. The present territory of Czechoslovakia comprises 70.4 per cent. of the territory it occupied before Munich.

Through Munich, Czechoslovakia lost 4,022,140 people. She has to-day a population of 9,817,000—60.6 per cent. of the original population. The "Historical Lands"—Moravia-Silesia-Bohemia, now contain 8,804,870 people—more than two-thirds of the entire population. Slovakia has 2,450,098 and Carpatho-Russia 552,124.

The numbers of the various nationalities in Czechoslovakia are as follows:

Nationalities	Population
Czechs	6,453,857
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These figures were compiled by the statistical bureau on the basis of the census of 1930.

Since Slovakia and the Historical Lands were at that time considered as political one unit, the Slovaks living in the Lands and the Czechs living in Slovakia were counted as Czechs and Slovaks respectively. A certain degree of vagueness thus resulted.

In Slovakia:

Nationalities	Population
Slovaks	2,055,802
Russians	89,187
Germans	134,317
Hungarians	65,780
Poles	771
Jews	38,851
Others	16,842

In Carpatho-Russia (also called Ruthenia and Carpatho-Ukraine):

Nationalities	Population
Czechs	855,643
Slovaks	306,573
Ruthenians	30,880
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Meanwhile the Silver Crest agents in Manila denied that the ship is breaking-up.—United Press.

BITTER FIGHTING ON TWO SPANISH FRONTS

SARAGOSSA, Jan. 8.

THE INSURGENT OFFENSIVE in Catalonia was carried forward on Saturday, according to the testimony of war correspondents with the Insurgent troops.

In the northern sector, the Insurgents attacked a few miles south of Artesa de Segre, which is situated to the south-east of Tremp and to the north-east of Galageur, and captured several strategically important positions in the valley of the river Sio.

At the same time, the southern army corps, marching along the road from Lerida to Borjas Blancas and Tarragona, pushed forward to within ten miles of Mont Blanch, thus crossing, for the first time, the border of the Tarragona province.

While this army was passing Sierra de Montant from the north, the Insurgent Ebro army on Saturday

LATEST

Steamer Wrecked Near Manila

Manila, Jan. 8.

The motorship Silver Yew, using her lifeboats, to-day removed 11 passengers from the vessel, Silver Crest.

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New Trade Link To China Nearly Ready

Motor lorries crossing the frontier between China and Burma will provide a new trade link between China and the Western world this month.

One of the aims of British and American credits to China is to develop this trade by-pass, and a portion of the funds made available will purchase lorries to ply along the motor road near Yunnan and Lashio, on the route to Mandalay.

Unconquered China has become nearly landlocked, Japan, having cut off the source of supplies along the Canton-Hankow railway, has induced France to close the railway through French Indo-China to war materials.

There remains the rough road from Russian Central Asia along which are carried war supplies bought from the Soviet.

Japan seeks to shut out trade from the West by an exclusionist policy and by closing waterways and harbours to foreign trade.

Hence—with the increasing menace to Hong Kong—British and American interest in the route through Burma.

845 MILES TO BE COMPLETED. The first 270 miles of the new road from Yunnan to Mandalay, the port of the British

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again entered into action for the first time since the opening of the Catalan offensive.

DEFENCES COLLAPSE

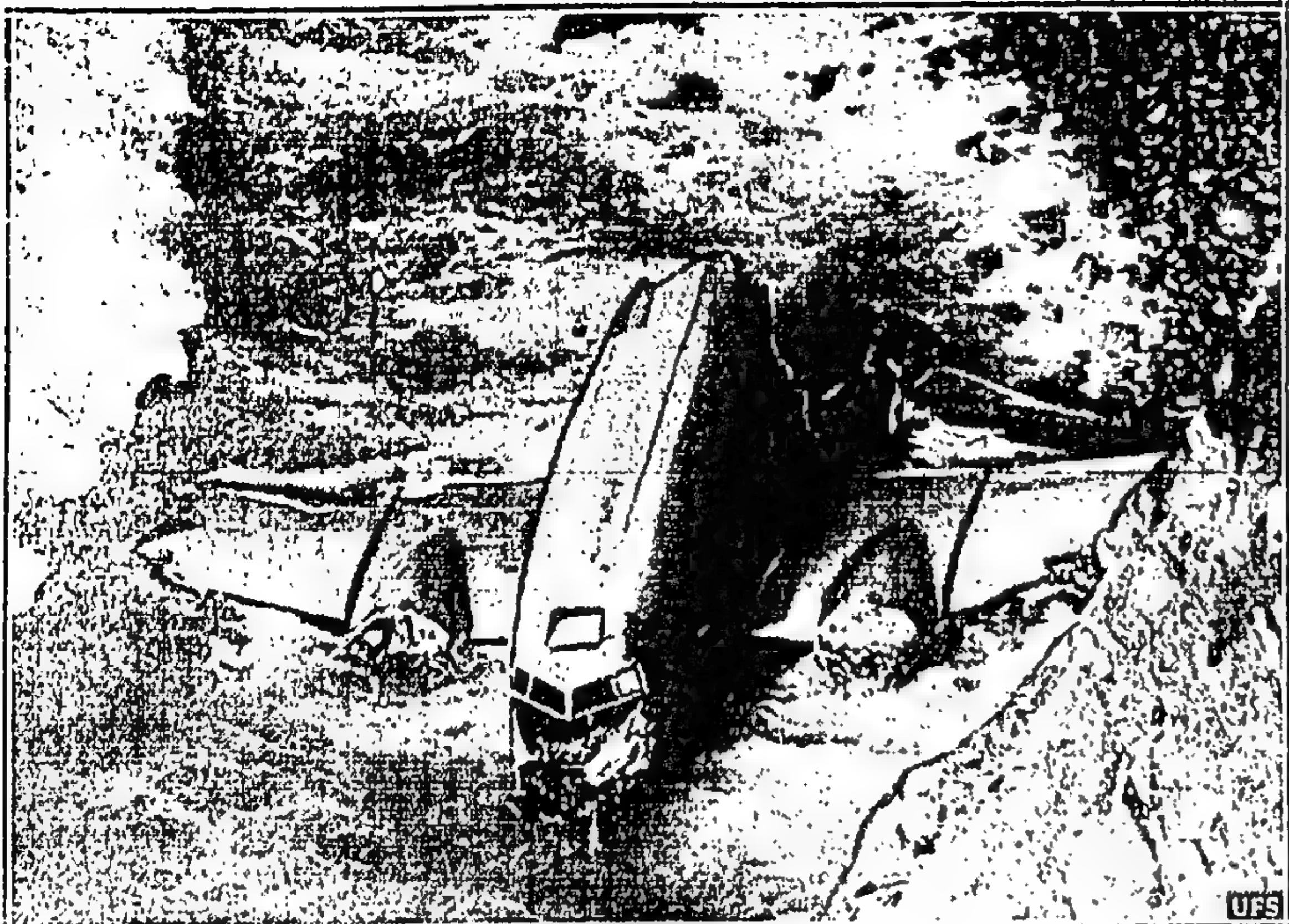
A San Sebastian message says that as was to be expected from the development of the insurgent offensive, the simultaneous advance in the north and south has led to a collapse of the Loyalist defences in the centre between Lerida and Balaguer.

From the bridge-head at Balaguer, the Insurgents on Saturday advanced in the district of the Segre Canal, captured the villages of Bellcaire, Bellmunt, Buset and Ventdes, and by dint of frontal and flanking pressure, compelled the Loyalists to retreat.

Meanwhile an attack on the road junction at Agrasut is proceeding simultaneously from the west and north-west, and the Insurgents are now only a few miles from that town.

A strong concentration of Loyalist troops in the centre manifestly only served the purpose of enabling the Insurgents to break through the

Airliner Crashes



Here is the wreck of the luxurious United Air Lines transport plane being battered to pieces by the surf at the foot of a cliff near San Francisco. Pilot Charles Sted and Endore R. Edelstein, a passenger, were rescued but five others perished in the surf. A maze of radio signals, which confused the pilot, was blamed.



Mystery of the reported marriage of Sir Oswald Mosley, British Fascist chief, and Mrs. Diana Guinness, above, was cleared recently when Mosley announced in London that they were married two years ago and that his wife recently gave birth to a son. She is a sister of Unity Freeman-Mitford, Hitler admirer, recently mobbed in London.

Child 'Door Bangers' Cured

CHILDREN who bang doors, milk, and shout defiance at their parents need trouble British homes no more.

Dr. Margaret Lowenfeld, of London, has established a Child Centre at the Institute of Child Psychology, where specially-trained workers play with delinquent children.

There are playrooms for children of different ages. Colour of rooms and contents are directed to a special corrective function.

The "mess room" is exactly that. It is not for eating, but for "messing about." Its walls and floors are of pale blue colour and of a washable material. Clay, earth, paints, mud, can all be "messed" with to the heart's content.

It is a sister to the "water room," where the children play, dressed in macintoshes, rubber shoes, and oil-skin caps.

Dr. Lowenfeld reports that by giving children a "free world" of their own their temperamental twists are corrected.

Asthma Cause Killed in 24 Hours

Thanks to the discovery of an American physician, it is now possible to get rid of those terrible spells of choking, gasping, coughing and wheezing asthma by killing the true cause which is germs in the blood. No more burning of powders, no more hypodermic injections. This new discovery, Mendace, starts to work in 5 minutes, killing the germ cause of asthma, also purifying the blood and restoring vitality so that you can sleep soundly all night, eat anything and work and enjoy life. Mendace is so successful it is guaranteed to give you free, easy breathing in 24 hours and to stop your asthma completely in 3 days or money back on return of empty package. Get Mendace from your chemist today. The guarantee protects you.

JUDGE ON WHEN A BANK SHOULD TELL

Doctor's Wife Fails In Suit

A DOCTOR'S wife who said that a bank manager revealed her betting deals to her husband lost her suit for damages recently.

She was Mrs. Mary Sunderland, wife of Dr. Arthur Sunderland, of Hyde Park-mansions, Marylebone, W., and her action was against Barclays Bank, Ltd., which was awarded costs.

Mrs. Sunderland alleged that after one of her cheques had been returned marked "Refer to drawer" the manager of the Edware-road branch of the bank told her husband that she had been using the account to pay two bookmakers.

NOT A STRANGER

Lord Justice du Parcq, giving judgment, said it was plain that the bank was under no obligation to meet the cheque, and the manager was not speaking to a stranger but to the customer's husband. He had been talking to the customer herself, who relinquished the phone in favour of her husband.

"I cannot think," said Lord Justice du Parcq, "that in these circumstances the bank manager was not entitled to give him that piece of information which he offered as an explanation—be it good or bad—for what the bank had done."

Dr. Sunderland, giving evidence, said that he also had an account with Barclays at the Church-street branch. He did not know his wife was using her Edware-road account for paying betting debts, but he knew, up to a point, that she was betting.

"I knew she had the racing papers," he said, "and I knew she had a bet quite frequently, but I supposed the amounts were small. I thought it would be up to 5s. perhaps. I didn't take any interest in it."

SNATCHED PHONE

When his wife told him her cheque had been dishonoured he told her to ring up the bank. As he was in a hurry, he rather snatched the telephone from her.

Then the manager said: "Well, the account has been very low for some time and there has been no regular amount paid into it. I don't know whether I ought to tell you this, but most of the cheques have been going to bookmakers."

Mr. F. W. Beney (for Mrs. Sunderland): Did he say anything about Mrs. Sunderland having authorised him to say that?—No, I was rather thunder-struck and said, "What business is it of yours? I know about it."

Did you know about it?—No, I was speaking wrongly; I was rather confused.

Dr. Sunderland added that the manager also said: "Sometimes ladies do these things and, if I let them have an overdraft, I get called over the coals by the husband."

ONLY THING

Mr. Edwin Stephens, manager of Barclays Paddington branch, was asked by Mr. H. J. Wallington, K.C. (for the bank): Why did you dishonour the cheque?—Seeing the nature of the transactions and that she was a married woman, the only thing to do was to return the cheque.

Mr. Stephens said he did not think that particular cheque was for bets. He told Mrs. Sunderland that her balance had been depleted by bookmakers' cheques, there was a long conversation, and then she said, "My husband is here, you had better give your reasons to him." And the telephone was handed over without any break.

Mr. Stephens said that Mrs. Sunderland definitely told him to give her husband the reasons he had given her for returning the cheque, and he had given her the reason that she had been using the account to pay book-makers.

Mr. Beney: Are you really saying you stopped that cheque because she had been paying bookmakers?—That she would be using the bank's money in that way if there was an overdraft.

Golf Widow's Revenge

THE TOO-BUSY HUSBAND

LETTERS written by a town clerk's wife, who "dreaded loneliness," and said that her husband "spent his waking hours working, dining, and golfing," were read in the Probate Court recently.

The action concerned the £43,600 estate of Mrs. Maria Annie Whitehead, wife of Mr. John Whitehead, town clerk of Tunbridge Wells.

Mrs. Whitehead, who died in May last year at the age of 51, had made a will in favour of her husband in August 1927. She executed another will in May 1930, in which she made considerable bequests to charities, and left £300 a year for her husband for life or until he remarried.

Mr. Whitehead remarried last August. He asked the court to pronounce against the 1930 will, and propounded the 1927 will, with a codicil of October 1935, which have been destroyed.

"LIVED WITH HIS JOB"

His case was that Mrs. Whitehead was not of testamentary capacity when she executed the 1930 will.

Mr. J. P. Eddy, K.C., appeared for the National Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children and the All-India Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, both of which sought to set up the 1930 will.

He said that the relations between Mr. and Mrs. Whitehead were shown by the correspondence. Mrs. Whitehead wrote from London to her husband.

"I suppose I have not realised the danger of marrying a man who lived with his job. What is the use of a house and garden for us when I am not fond enough of it to be left in it alone?"

Mr. S. J. Cull, manager of a branch of the Midland Bank, at Tunbridge Wells, where Mrs. Whitehead had had an account, said that she came to the branch fairly regularly between 1929 and the autumn of 1935. When he last saw her, in February 1936, she appeared perfectly normal.

Sir Maurice Cassidy, the heart specialist, said that when Mrs. Whitehead consulted him for heart trouble in July 1935, he saw no sign of mental derangement. He agreed that it was possible to inherit a form of delusional insanity. Mrs. Whitehead did not tell him that her mother had been in an asylum for a time. The hearing was adjourned.

Inside Germany

DO NAZI HENS LAY EGGS?

Riddle For Housewives

BERLIN.

DO German hens lay eggs? This is the puzzle which Berlin housewives are trying to solve at present.

Women stand in egg queues dozens of times in a month. As a rule, at the end of a ten-minute to half an hour wait, they obtain two eggs, although sometimes the stock gives out before they reach the head of the queue.

But they never get a German egg. They collect Finnish eggs, Dutch, Lithuanian, Hungarian, Argentine and Bulgarian eggs, some alleged to be new laid, others frankly from cold storage. If German hens have not gone on strike, what is being done with their eggs?

SHOPPING TRICKS

It is no light task keeping house in Berlin. Not only is there the long wait for eggs but there is the daily pilgrimage to the butter shop for the day's ration—if you miss a day you cannot get two days' supply the next time, it is lost for good.

Then there are bewildering shortages of all sorts of things. One day there are no onions, another no oranges. It may need visits to a dozen shops or stalls to get the ingredients of one dish.

There are all sorts of tricks to be learned. You must know never to ask openly for eggs, butter, oranges or onions if there are none on show. You must buy a few pounds of apples or cabbage or something, and then when no one is looking you open your mouth egg wise and whisper.

A mysterious packet is handed to you if you are lucky and you find when you get home that it has two eggs in it.

PRICES STABLE

Mysterious signs must be learned for other products which are short. But there is one good thing. However great the shortage may be prices do not vary.

Nor must one get the wrong impression that the German people are starving—there is plenty of food to be had, but one cannot always have just what one wants at the time.

The quality of many goods is also extremely low. Apples, for instance, are to be had in plenty—but small, scrubby looking fruit which would hardly find a place in the "speckled fruit basket" in a London market are only to be obtained for from 6d. to 7d. per pound.

The explanation of this is simple. Germany cannot buy the perfect Canadian, American or South African fruit as she has not the foreign currency needed, but she gets her fruit by bartering manufactured goods for them, from the Balkan lands.

NEWS FROM HOME BROKE HER HEART

HERR ORNSTEIN and his Jewish wife fled to England in June from "Aryanised" Vienna—but recently he sat alone and silent, rocking himself in a chair in a flat in Shoot-up Hill, N.W. His wife had gassed herself when she heard her two brothers had been arrested by Nazis.

Already deaf, Herr Ornstein seems to have lost the power of speech since the funeral.

For the first two or three months in England he and his wife were happy in their freedom, though he had had to leave behind him all his possessions after resigning a £1,000-a-year post as sales manager of a fur company.

They stayed with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Veit.

For Herr Ornstein there was nothing much to do besides sit in the flat or go out for short walks.

LOST THEIR JOBS

News that her younger brother, Martin, an actor, was likely to leave Vienna for Hollywood through the influence of his friend, Max Reinhardt, the theatrical producer, cheered Frau Ornstein.

Then she learned that her brother Theodore had been sent to a concentration camp at Dachau, that the husbands of her two married sisters in Vienna had lost their jobs and that her widowed sister would lose the two Vienna properties on the interest of which she lived.

Then she had more news from Vienna. Her other brother, Dr. Simon Berliner, had been arrested.

Frau Ornstein's last words were: "I am too young for my life to be finished." She was forty-seven.

After her death came a letter from her doctor brother. He has been released.

And now Herr Ornstein sits silent and waits—for more news from Vienna.

Woman Drives Into Pond In Storm

BLINDED by heavy rain, a woman motorist drove into the White Stone pond on Hampstead Heath recently.

For half an hour the woman, Mrs. Diana Spearman, of Roofs Park, Chigwell, Essex, was marooned 12ft. from the bank. Then two motor-cyclists, wearing waders, came to her aid, and carried her to the road.

A lorry towed the car out of the pond.

A slipway to the water apparently misled Mrs. Spearman.

CROWDS DRENCHED

London caught the full force of the 60 m.p.h. gale which was sweeping the Channel again late last night, bringing torrential rain and thunderstorms.

Cars going along the Embankment were blown on to the wrong side of the road.

In the West End, taxis were at a premium, and when the theatres closed thousands were drenched in making short journeys to Tube stations.

Heavy rain fell for several hours. Rain driven by mile-a-minute gusts at Brighton made the cliff-top road between Brighton and Newhaven impassable for walkers and cyclists.

Crossing the road at Eastbourne during one downpour, Miss Ada Elizabeth Farmer (70), of Orchard Road, Eastbourne, was fatally injured by a taxi.

One Man Boosts League

Paradise, Cal. John Judson Hamilton, 64, noted author and retired publisher, has launched a one-man campaign for the League of Nations. He has chosen as a slogan: "Geneva Forever." He has sent 130 original copies of a manifesto on behalf of the league to 100 libraries and 30 key figures in world affairs.

Beryl 'Fell' For Her Skating Instructor

AS Beryl Styles, pretty blonde schoolgirl of 14, stepped gingerly on to the ice-rink for the first time she toppled over. Handsome Benny Lee, ice speed champion, caught her.

That was six years ago. Soon Beryl, now junior ice-skating champion of Britain, will marry Benny Lee.

Since that first meeting at Streatham, South London, while Beryl has been growing up from a girl to a woman, Benny Lee has been training her. Every evening she has hurried from work to float over the ice with her tutor.

To-day she is asked to give demonstrations all over Britain.

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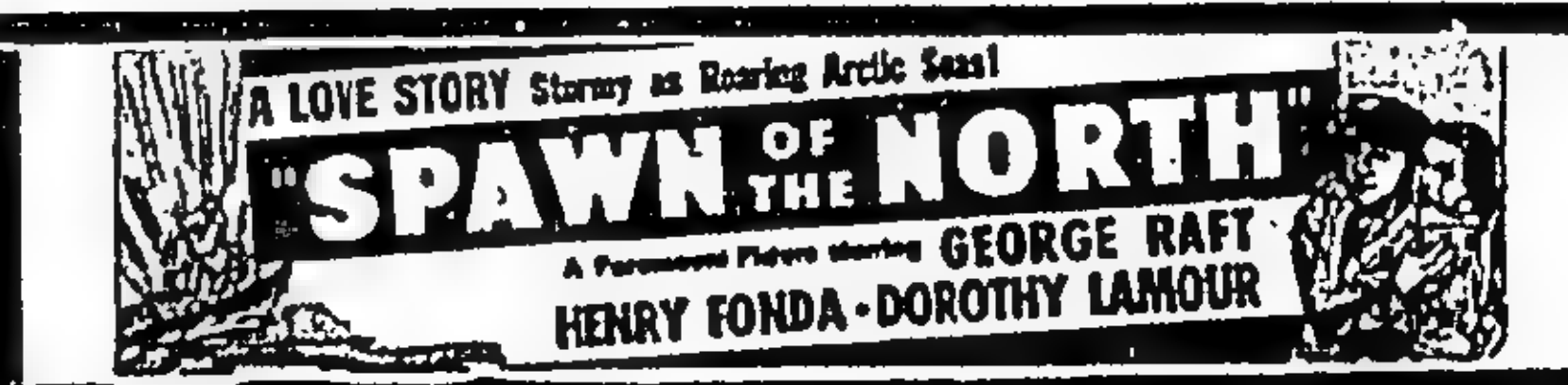
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- 0421—Cinderella. Waltz. Love Makes the World Go Round.
- 0422—Change Partners. ("Carefree"). Ride Tenderfoot. BILLY COTTON'S BAND.
- 0357—Love Walked In. There's A New Moon Over the Mill.
- 0417—Now It Can Be Told. (Alexander's Ragtime Band). On the Sentimental Side. ROY SNECK'S HAWAIIAN ORCH.
- 0355—Says My Heart. I'm Sorry, I Didn't Say I'm Sorry BRIAN LAWRENCE & HIS SEXTETTE.
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SPECIALISTS GO TO EX-KAISER

New York.
Doctor Wilhelm C. Huebener, of Cincinnati, prominent heart specialist, left New York recently on a mystery visit to the ex-Kaiser at Doorn.

The doctor has been pledged to silence regarding the nature of his mission, but it is rumoured that with other world-famed doctors he is to give the ex-Kaiser a thorough medical examination.

Several times in the past Dr. Huebener has been consulted by the ex-Kaiser.

"It would be unethical for me to say anything about my visit," said Huebener.

Empire Tea Centenary

LONDON.
A CEREMONIAL auction and a reception will be features of the celebration on Jan. 10 next of the hundredth anniversary of the first auction in London of tea produced within the Empire.

In connection with the centenary a sample of the finest teas to be grown will be selected by a Blenders Conference and presented in a golden casket to the King and Queen.

The Empire tea industry which has developed from a small garden employing a few men now employs 2,000,000 men and has more than £210,000,000 of British capital invested in it. More than 800,000,000 pounds of Empire tea is now produced annually.

DOMINATING POSITION

Sir Walter Smiles, M.P., chairman of the Centenary Committee, stated in a speech recently that the districts described on rough maps of a century ago as a mixture of uninhabited jungle and swamp had been transformed by British capital and enterprise into a land of neat tea gardens with railways, roads, electric light, wireless, cinemas and most of the amenities of modern civilisation.

They now had in India and Ceylon research stations and laboratories where every process in growth and manufacture of tea was scientifically studied and records tabulated.

"Within 5 years of its birth the Empire industry was exporting more tea than China and today dominated the tea markets of the world."

\$500 Award In Horoscope Libel Case

DAMAGES of \$500 for libel and slander were awarded in the "horoscope" case before Mr. Justice Charles in the King's Bench Division recently.

They were in favour of Mr. Norman Crook and his wife, Helene Elizabeth Crook, trading as the Globe Syndicate, and Mr. John Prior Exall, whom they sued. A cross-action by Mr. Mitchell against Mr. Crook and Mr. Exall for damages for alleged conspiracy and slander failed.

Mr. Justice Charles had ruled there was no evidence to go to the jury against Mrs. Alice Emily Bayley, who was joined as defendant in the libel proceedings and dismissed her from the suit with costs.

The plaintiffs complained that the Globe Syndicate having prepared a series of horoscopes, Mr. Mitchell wrote to customers with whom they had left horoscopes suggesting they were a "reputable imitation of his copyright horoscopes."

THE GREAT CHINA TRADE ISSUE

London.

IF the British Government is to be moved at all over China it will be over the trade issue. This alone can shake it out of its rather easy going attitude.

The Home papers are devoting more and more attention to the issue. The "Daily Herald" recently published the following:—

Economic reprisals against Japan for her freezing out of foreign trade interests from China are being seriously considered in London and Washington.

Reports from the Ambassadors of the two countries in China have indicated for some time that Japan is deliberately destroying all foreign trade competition.

SHIPS BARRED

Foreign shipping, for example, has been barred from using the Yangtze. The Japanese say this is due to the danger of mines and nearby military operations, but Japanese ships have been plying a thriving trade.

It was announced that a Japanese sponsored "monopoly" company has been established in Shanghai to control the Yangtze shipping, and will start work in the New Year.

This is only one of countless ways in which foreign interests, British and American, in particular, are being ousted from the China market.

EXPERTS AT WORK

For some time experts of the United States Department of Commerce and the Board of Trade here have been studying what retaliatory steps could be taken.

Their investigations are now so far advanced that Mr. Joseph Kennedy, the United States Ambassador here, has gone to Washington and the United States Ambassador in China has been recalled for consultation.

Significantly, too, Sir Ronald Lindsay, British Ambassador in Washington, has arrived in London "on holiday."

One step envisaged in American circles is to deprive Japan of her benefits under the most-favoured-nation clause. Were such a step to be taken, the British Government would almost certainly follow suit.

President Roosevelt also has the power, if discrimination against the importation or sale of American goods is proved, to exclude "any or all articles" from the offending country.

It is doubtful whether such drastic steps are yet contemplated, but the question of increasing duties on Japanese imports is one that has been closely studied.

In this case experts have had the example of the Japanese themselves. At the beginning of this year the puppet Government in Peking introduced a new tariff for imports into North China under which Japanese goods benefited by from 25 to 75 per cent.

Any action of this nature would be a serious blow to Japan, for the British Empire and the United States are her principal customers, absorbing roughly 50 per cent. of her exports.

But retaliation of this sort is calculated to lead to counter-reprisals, most pains-taking study of the question is being made before any decision is reached.

Meanwhile the "Daily Telegraph" publishes the appended statement from its own correspondent:—

Shanghai, Monday.
"Great concern is felt here in British shipping circles at a report that a Japanese concern, the Yantai Shipping Company, has been formed with the object of controlling traffic on the Yangtze under the monopolistic system, introduced by the Japanese into many branches of trade in China."

It is reported that the company was floated on Saturday at a meeting at which 50 Japanese directors were elected and a Chinese company

—head of the native staff—was appointed.

It is believed that the new company is one of the branches of the newly formed Japanese "Central China Development Company," whose charter includes shipping, communications, waterworks, and power companies, public transport, fisheries and inland transportation.

Two British firms, Jardine Matheson and Co., and Butterfield and Swire, at present represent the largest shipping interests on the Yangtze River and the China coast.

In recent months they have suffered considerably from the closing of the Yangtze and canal difficulties.

If the Yangtze were to be exploited under a monopolistic system they would lose business on a large scale.

All the other papers roughly agree that joint action is being discussed. This is the "Daily Express."

BRITAIN MAY HIT BACK AT JAPAN

"Britain may hit back at Japan for her trade methods by putting heavier duties on Japanese goods going into British Colonies. This is one of the steps under consideration as a result of Japan's action in trying to close the China and Manchurian markets to British and all other foreign trade."

The "News Chronicle" contains the following:—

GROWING JAPANESE MENACE TO TRADE—BY VERNON BARTLETT

"Although by more insidious methods than those adopted by Germany and Italy in Europe, Japan is very actively menacing British interests in the Far East."

Last week the Foreign Minister in Tokyo summoned the British and United States Ambassadors and emphasized his policy of gradually excluding their compatriots from the economic life of the Far East.

There was not, I am assured, that direct threat to denounce the Washington Nine Power Treaty which is reported in some newspapers, and which would doubtless lead to counter measures against Japanese trade in other parts of the world.

The feeling of resentment in London is due rather to the fact that by a policy of granting preferences to Japanese and Manchukuoan goods and of putting obstacles in the way of British goods, Japan is gaining economic control of China without obvious breaches of treaty—once the very fact of the war has been accepted and condoned by Great Britain.

The British Ambassador's protests, I understand are met with the bland assurance that preferences between the Far Eastern Powers are to the benefit of China. These assurances carry less and less weight with the British Government, and it would not be surprising if difficulties were not acute early in the New Year."

The "Manchester Guardian" of Tuesday pointed out that the "Boycott Japan" movement has made considerable progress in Manchester and district in the past few days. Monday on Saturday will be in the form of poster parades in the afternoon and evening. Show-cards are being prepared for use in shops conveying the assurance "We don't sell Japanese goods" and steps will be taken by the new group to let the public know which shows give such an undertaking.



Stunt for custody of his children has been filed in Miami, Fla., by Guy Maynard Liddell, chief of England's Civil Intelligence Department. Children are shown with their mother, Mrs. Calypso Liddell, daughter of the late Lord Revelstoke of England, at Coral Gables home of their half-uncle, L. Saffern Taylor. They are June, Peter, Guy and Maude.

EMPIRE NEWS

AUCKLAND.

An effort will shortly be made to ensure that there are adequate supplies of all gas-producing coals which New Zealand needs. This would eliminate imports from Australia altogether.

More Motor Vehicles.—The number of licensed motor vehicles in New Zealand is 263,137, an increase of 10.8 per cent. over the figure for the same period last year. Motorcycles show a decline of 7 per cent.

Industrial Expansion.—Mr. D. G. Sullivan, Minister of Railways, Commerce and Industries, stated recently that the central executive of a bureau of industry had been formed to concentrate on working out plans for industrial expansion and the establishment of new industries.—Reuter.

SOUTH AFRICA

DAMAGES CLAIM AFTER MURDER

CAPE TOWN.

A lawsuit thought to be without precedent in the Empire opened in the Supreme Court at Cape Town recently when the widow of a murdered man sued a man acquitted of the murder for £3,000 damages.

The widow's husband, a pawnbroker, was shot in his shop in March. In July the defendant in the present damages action was acquitted by a jury of a murder charge. The judge who presided at the murder trial is now one of the two justices hearing the claim for damages.

AUSTRALIA

FUTURE OF DAMAGED R.A.F. BOMBER

SYDNEY.

The decision of the British Air Ministry is awaited as to whether the record-breaking R.A.F. Vickers Wellesley bomber, which made a forced landing recently, shall be taken over by the Australian Air Force.

The machine was badly damaged when it came down in a ploughed field near Richmond aerodrome, New South Wales, but it could be repaired from spare parts already here.

The two other Vickers Wellesley bombers which made the record flight from Egypt to Australia began a programme of visits to Canberra, Melbourne, Adelaide, Hobart and Perth before returning to England from Darwin.

South Africa

RAILWAY INQUIRY DEMANDED

Cape Town.

A demand for a public inquiry to investigate alleged shortcomings in the administration of the South African railways was made at the congress of the Association of Chambers of Commerce of South Africa.

Among these shortcomings was mentioned the high rate of accidents and derailments.

Ex-Mayor Sentenced.—Thomas Looney, an ex-Mayor of Kimberley and past president of the Chamber of Commerce, has been sentenced to two months' imprisonment, suspended for two years, for failing to keep proper business records up to the time when his business was sequestered.

Shipping Agent Retires.—Mr. P. J. Francis, joint-agent in Cape Town of the Union-Castle Line, has retired.

ISLE OF ROMANCE SEARCH

A YOUNG couple who met on holiday on the Norfolk Broads, and decided to wed and look to the South Seas, were married at St. Jude's-on-the-Hill, Hampstead Garden Suburb, recently.

The bridegroom, Mr. Patrick Forbes, of Southway, Hampstead, a 21-years-old apprentice in a City ten broking firm, has given up his position to realise his lifelong dream of living on a South Sea island.

His wife, formerly Miss Joyce Bishop, 23-year-old daughter of a boatbuilder's clerk at Roxham, Norfolk, shares his enthusiasm for island life.

"We are going to be gloriously happy," she said. "Pat has been saving up for this for years, and he's not about £200 now."

"We are sailing in a French trading boat from Marseilles on Sunday week, and will buy a small yacht when we reach Tahiti."

GARLANDS

Mr. and Mrs. Forbes will be joined in the South Seas by Mr. Gerald Gordon, a young planter.

Mr. Gordon, who has spent many years on the Polynesian Islands and has written several books, draped the bride with a garland of "lets"—garlands of Hawaiian flowers—at the wedding reception.

Mr. Forbes played an Hawaiian guitar.

"I was taught to play the guitar by an Hawaiian years ago," he said, "and formed my own band."

"We shall be away for about two years."

£3,122,000 For a London Tunnel

London.

London's new tunnel under the Thames near the present Blackwall Tunnel is to cost £3,122,000. The L.C.C. is to be asked on Tuesday to pass a capital estimate of £2,824,000 so that work on the tunnel may start at once.

The new tunnel, which will run parallel to and about 800 feet on the down stream side of the existing Blackwall Tunnel, will be used by south bound traffic, while north bound traffic will use the old tunnel. The work will involve the demolition of a large number of old houses, and new accommodation will have to be found for 1,924 people, at an estimated capital cost of £208,220.

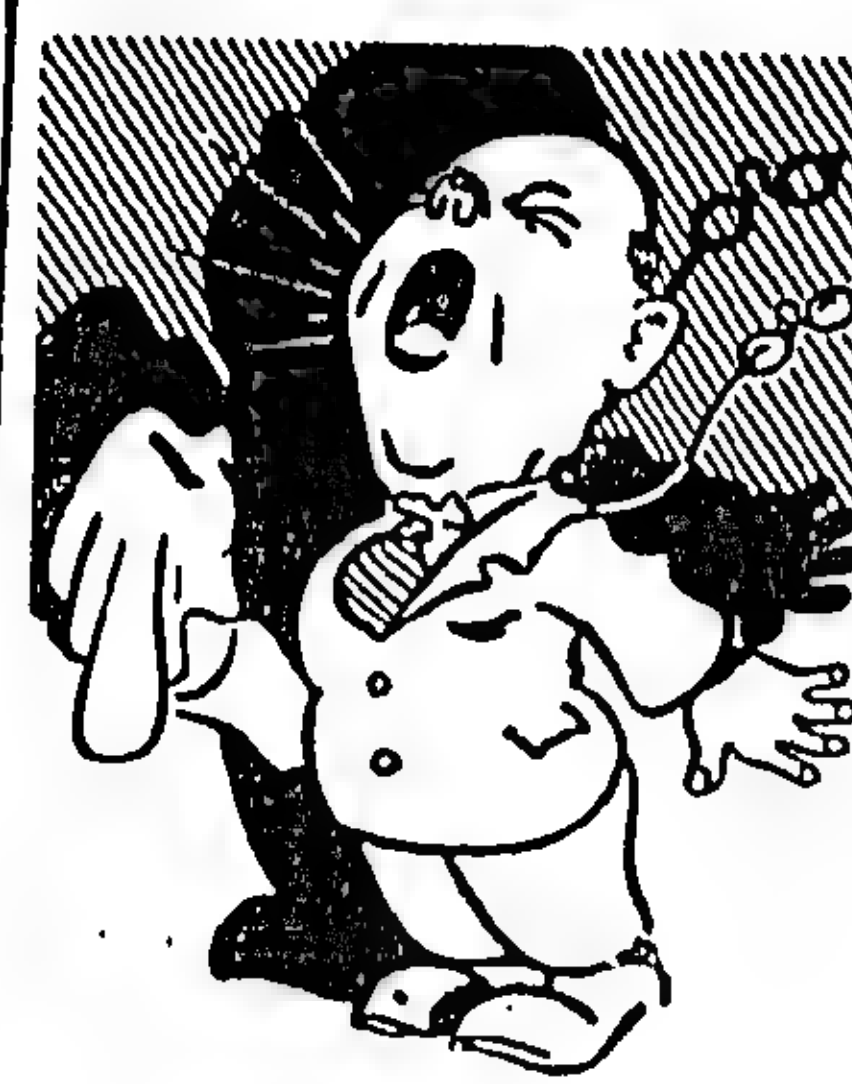
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CANADA

SEVEN SENATE VACANCIES

Senator Albert Joseph Brown has died at Montreal, at the age of 78. His death brings the total number of vacancies in the Dominion Senate to seven.

Senator Brown was a leading member of the legal profession at Quebec. He was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1899, and entered the Senate in 1932. Two Killed in Air Crash.—Capt. Dave Imrie and First Officer Jack Herald were killed when their aeroplane crashed after leaving Regina, Saskatchewan, on its regular west-bound flight to Lethbridge, Alberta. There were no passengers on board.



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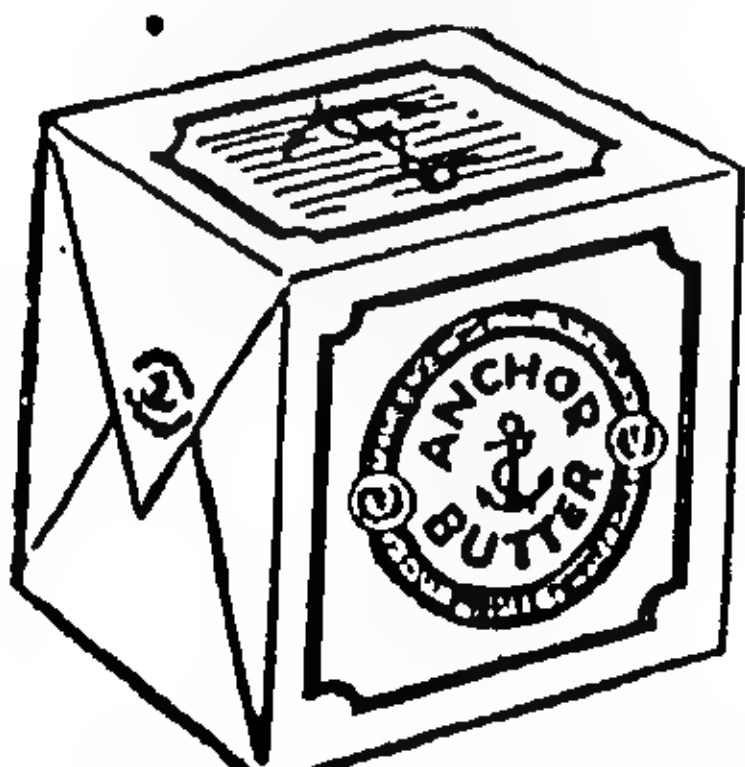
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H.K. Stock Market

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H.K. Bank, \$	1420 n.
H.K. Bank, £	107 n.
Chartered, £	9 1/4 n.
Merchants, £	27 1/2 n.
Merchants, £	13 n.
East Asia, £	88 n.
INSURANCES	
Canton, \$	210 n.
Union, \$	470 n.
China Underwriters, etc., \$	70 n.
H.K. Fire, \$	170 n.
SHIPPING	
Douglas, \$	64 n.
Steamships, \$	18 n.
Indo-China, P. \$	24 n.
Indo-China, D. \$	83 1/2 n.
Shell Bearings, \$	10 n.
Waterboats, \$	10 n.
DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves, \$	116 n.
Docks (old), \$	10 1/2 n.
Docks (new), \$	17 1/2 n.
Providents (old), \$	6 1/2 n.
Providents (new), \$	6 1/2 n.
New Eng. Sh., \$	5 1/2 n.
Shu, Docks, Sh., \$	100 n.
MINING	
Kallan s/-	17 1/2 n.
Rauha, s/-	9 3/4 n.
Venz, Goldfield, \$	7 1/2 n.
Hongkong Mines, etc., \$	52 n.
Antamoks, \$	25 1/2 n.
Bingolo Gold, \$	25 1/2 n.
Benquet Con. Co., \$	14 1/2 n.
Coco Grove, \$	54 n.
Con. Mines, \$	20 1/2 n.
Demonstrations, \$	13 n.
L.X.L. Co., \$	13 n.
Gumus, \$	138 n.
San Maurizio, \$	21 n.
Suyoc Consl., \$	21 n.
Paricules, \$	71 n.
LANDS	
Hotels, \$	7 1/2 n.
Lands, \$	37 1/2 n.
Lands 4% deb., \$	107 1/2 n.
Shul Lands, \$	107 1/2 n.
Humphreys, \$	8 1/2 n.
H.K. Realities, \$	6 1/2 n.
Chinese Estates, \$	90 n.
UTILITIES	
Tram, \$	17 1/2 n.
Peak Trams (old), \$	8 n.
Peak Trams (new), \$	14 n.
Star Ferries, \$	12 1/2 n.
Y. Ferries (old), \$	22 1/2 n.
Y. Ferries (new), \$	22 n.
China Light (cum. rts.), \$	9 1/2 n.
China Light (Rights), \$	3 1/2 n.
H.K. Electric, \$	58 n.
Macao Electric, \$	17 1/2 n.
Sandakan Light, \$	10 n.
Telephones (old), \$	24 n.
Telephone (new), \$	6 1/2 n.
Traction, \$	21 1/2 n.
Singapore, \$	25 1/2 n.
INDUSTRIAL	
Cold, Macg. (ord.), \$	14 n.
Cold, Macg. (Pre.), \$	13 n.
Canton Piling, \$	170 n.
Cements, \$	16 1/2 n.
Ropes, \$	3 1/2 n.
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To avoid contravention of the Ordinance, consumers are requested to employ only licensed plumbers on work to be done to services connected or to be connected to the Water Works.

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Public Works Department,
Hong Kong, 6th January, 1939.

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W. B. FINNIGAN,
Registrar
University of Hong Kong.
3rd January, 1939.

THE SPANISH WAR

Franco Claims More Advances on Front

London, Jan. 7. General Franco's troops claim to have captured the town of Vinuesa, 25 miles from Tarragona, and to be continuing the advance along the Lerida-Tarragona road.

The Nationalists also claim to have cut the road ten miles east of Borjas Blancas. The Loyalist troops resisted tenaciously but are now reported to be retreating more rapidly with the insurgent artillery shelling their positions.

The Spanish Government declares that its surprise attack in the Estramadura sector is gaining ground.—Reuter Bulletin.

Sinceres, \$ 2 n.
Wing On (H.K.), \$ 38 n.
Powell, Ltd., etc., \$ 100 n.
COTTON MILLS
Ewo Cotton (C. R.), \$ 16 n.
Shul Cotton, \$ 102 n.
Zeong Sing, \$ 24 n.
Wing On Textiles, \$ 40 n.
MISC.
H.K. Entertainments, \$ 7 b.
Constructions, \$ 14 n.
Vibro Piling, \$ 6 1/2 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925, 76 1/2 n.
C.G. Bonds, 4% Loan, 6% prm. t. 100 n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% par t. 100 n.
Marssmans (Lon.), \$ 10 1/2 n.
Marssmans (H.K.), \$ 8 n.

BITTER FIGHTING ON TWO SPANISH FRONTS

(Continued from Page 1.)

At Tarragona-Cervera. At the same time, however, the Loyalists caused considerable damage in all of the evacuated villages, whose inhabitants they took with them in the retreat.

LOYALIST COUNTER-CLAIMS

According to a Barcelona message, the Defence Ministry issued the following war bulletin on Saturday night: Estramadura Front. Loyalist troops continued their victorious advance on Saturday. After crossing the river Zújar, they occupied the village of Peraleda de Zaucego, and continued their march in the direction of Monterubio de la Serena. On the right bank of the river, the Loyalists captured the village of Cuenca, the heights of Grana Loma de Nadiagruilla, as well as the Heights 880, Sierra Mojana, and several of the neighbouring heights, together with the village of Fuente Vegueta.

The advance continues.

The Loyalists repulsed several enemy counter-attacks. Territory conquered by the Loyalists within the last three days has extended over 600 kilometres. Much war material, as well as numerous prisoners fell into their hands.

On the Eastern front, in the section of Cubella, the Loyalists offered heroic resistance to insurgent attacks. The heights of Masell were three times occupied by the Insurgents, but they were finally repulsed. In the sectors of Vinuesa and Vilorell, severe fighting is in progress. Loyalist troops are offering stubborn resistance, and the Insurgents have suffered heavy losses.

PREMIER'S MESSAGE

A Paris communication says that the Spanish Loyalist Premier, Dr. Negruin, issued a proclamation on Saturday to the Loyalist Army, in which he said: "I expect from all, effective co-operation for the defence of our soil, as has hitherto been the case, and I am certain that the co-operation will render a rapid victory possible. At the present moment of severe trial, the heroism with which our army is holding up the enemy on the Eastern front and on the Ebro is an example and encouragement for all those behind the front. Our eyes are fixed on the future of our country, and on the independence of our soil, and we shall gain the victory which we deserve."—Trans-Ocean.

3RD WEEK OF OFFENSIVE

Saragossa, Jan. 8. General Franco's major offensive against Catalonia, now in its third week, has driven back the Loyalist resistance in the plains of Urgel, it is claimed. The difficulties ahead in the campaign, especially in the northern sector, have not been miscounted, but it is noteworthy that General Franco's Moroccan army corps is using pontoon bridges, flung across the Ebro at Mora, and has established contact with the Navarrese legions.

Headquarters claim the conquest of at least 1,200 square miles and the capture of 30,000 prisoners since the start of the offensive.

LOYALIST CLAIMS

On the other hand, according to a Barcelona communication, the Loyalists in the three days of their surprise offensive on the Estramadura front have captured a broad salient to the west, 25 miles from their original positions.

North of Fuentes Venjuna they have cleared a wide loop to the river Zújar, and have captured the road junction at Peraleda and Dezueto, in the Badajoz province, only about 10 miles from the Portuguese frontier.

The capture of Fuentes Venjuna is also claimed, has cut the Insurgents' road and rail communications with the famous Penarroya mines, which are said to be half encircled.

A further message says that the Loyalists have captured the towns of Granja and Delorrio Hermosa in the Badajoz province, as well as La Coronada and four villages in an important advance during the Estramadura offensive.

Meanwhile, according to a Saragossa message the Insurgents have occupied Vilanova de Predeas, about 10 miles from the Mediterranean, and 24 miles from Tarragona.—Reuter.

TROOPS CROSS SEGRE

Most of the 300,000 troops flung by General Franco against Catalonia have now crossed the Segre River, which, over the greater part of a 100-mile front, is the Loyalists' main natural defence.

Divisions of the Aragon army corps which in the early morning fled across bridges thrown over the river above Lerida, are now joining from the Balaguer bridge head, and are overrunning the farm-studded countryside.

Vellaneuva and Acotele, two of the few remaining Loyalist strongholds were stormed and captured after a heavy bombardment in advance, which, by to-night, carried the corps 12 1/2 miles east of Balaguer.

The Insurgents are now advancing to the west, and straightening up the line between Artica and Borjas Blancas, the Loyalists beating a retreat along the Lerida-Tarragona road under gunfire.

Although fog persists in the northern sectors, there is good weather elsewhere on the front.—Reuter.

Machine Records

Evidence

Johannesburg, Transvaal. Experiments with a machine for recording evidence have been made in the magistrates' court at Springs, Transvaal, and if the Department of Justice is satisfied with the results, this kind of recording may be adopted.

LOVE LETTERS £1 FOR A PAGE

EXTRACTS FROM 750

pages of love letters written by 28-years-old Wilfred Wolfendale, a Cambridge graduate, were read in the Sheriff's Court in Lancaster recently.

Miss Margaret Ruane, 30-years-old hotel book-keeper, of Leeds-road, Barrow-in-Furness, was awarded £750 breach of promise damages—£1 for every page.

"Please do not think I brought this action for money," Miss Ruane said as she left the court with her sister. "I only wanted to vindicate myself. But I can work again."

Of her Wolfendale wrote: "When you put your arms round my neck and hug me tight, the whole weight of my sins falls off me and the pollution vanishes. I can now understand the Christian doctrine of forgiveness of sins and redemption of the soul."

His address was given as Nessfield, West Bank, near Morecambe, and he was said to be a salesman for a Lancaster linoleum firm. But he was not in court.

AUNT DIDN'T KNOW

"He's travelling somewhere in Canada," his aunt, Mrs. C. Wolfendale, of Howe Ghyll, Lancaster, said. She had not even heard that her nephew had been sued.

"We have met Miss Ruane. We had no idea of all this unhappiness. It will be a terrible shock to his widowed mother, who is now not in very good health."

Miss Ruane sat with her sister in court.

"I have the urge to take you to some South Sea island, where we can be alone and live and love and die"—this was one passage read out from the letters sent by Wolfendale.

Other extracts were: "The touch of your lips was stronger than the strongest wine." "You are one in a million," and "The whole idea of drinking beer to excess just nauseates me now."

"MY STRIKING WORTH"

Mr. Basil Nield, for Miss Ruane, said that when she was a book-keeper at the Grand Hotel, Morecambe, in 1934, Wolfendale was a visitor there. In December of that year he invited her to a dance and wrote, "A number of hours at a dance would enable you to appreciate the striking worth even behind my ugly front."

Wolfendale asked her to marry him in April 1934. As his firm was sending him to India, it was arranged that the wedding should take place later.

They spent a holiday together at Whitson 1936, when intimacy took place, and he bought her a ring before he sailed for India in October of that year. He was away not quite a year.

Miss Ruane left the hospital where she was detained with threatened appendicitis against doctor's orders in order to meet Wolfendale on his return. They spent a holiday together at Kendal, where intimacy again took place, Miss Ruane relying on the wedding taking place as soon as her health permitted.

Later she saw Wolfendale, and he told her, "I cannot go on with it. You have no personality."

Mr. Nield also produced a sketch sent by Wolfendale to Miss Ruane. It depicted a bungalow, a car in the drive, and one figure marked—"Me asleep."

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 12.30 p.m. Saturday, says:

The morning session was quietly steady, with a moderate turnover at the opening quotations.

Buyers
Hongkong Bank \$1,400
Canton Insurance \$473
Union Insurance \$473
H.K. Fire Insurance \$178
Deutsche \$234
H.K. & W. Wharves \$115 1/2
H.K. Docks (Old) \$10 1/2
H.K. Docks (New) \$12 1/2
Providents (New) \$6.10
H.K. Lands \$7
H.K. Tramways \$17.50
Yanumai Ferries (Old) \$22 1/2
China Light \$18 1/2
H.K. Electric \$58
Macao Electric \$17
Sandakan Light \$10
Cements \$16.50
H.K. Ropes \$3.95
Entertainments \$7
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 76 1/2
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan 100
Sellers
Hongkong Bank \$1,420
China Underwriters \$20
Providents (Old) \$6.40
H. & S. Hotels \$7.15
H.K. Realities \$24
H.K. Tramways \$17 1/2
China Lights cum rights \$9.70
Macao Electric \$17 1/2
Telephones (Old) \$24
W.K. 12.20
Construction \$15
Marssmans Inv. (H.K.) 3/-
Hongkong Bank \$1,416
H.K. Docks (Old) \$10 1/2
Providents (Old) \$6.35
Providents (New) \$6.15
H.K. Realities \$24
H.K. Tramways \$17.50
China Light \$18 1/2
Macao Electric \$17 1/2
Cements \$16.50
Watsons \$2.15
Antamoks \$30
Abaka \$24
Bingolo Gold \$24
Benquet Consolidated \$16.50
H.K. Docks (New) \$12 1/2
Demonstrations \$5
L.X.L. \$12
H.K. Realities \$24
San Maurizio \$12
Buro \$21
United Fidelity \$21

Aeronautical Students

A new type of light aeroplane has been constructed during the past year for a well-known designer by the students of the College of Aeronautical Engineering. The aeroplane will soon be flying. This announcement was made recently by Mr. C. H. Roberts, principal, at the annual dinner and dance of the College of Aeronautical Engineering and the Automobile Engineering Training College.

Mr. Roberts, who presided, proposed the toast of "The Aeronautical and Automobile Industries." He said that the progress of the colleges had again been most satisfactory, but he was far more pleased at the progress of ex-students who year by year rose to responsible appointments in the various professions. A student who qualified in 1936 was now a superintendent engineer with one of the leading air lines. Others who left in 1934 were respectively Air Ministry's Inspector in Charge supervising the manufacture of aircraft in the British Government; in charge of the aeronautical section at Witwatersrand University; chief representative of the Air Registration Board in Cairo; and in charge of the automobile department at Witwatersrand University and official examiner for the Department of Education in South Africa. A new trophy had been presented during the year by Captain G. P. Olley, to be held annually by the students showing conspicuous ability in the practical and commercial branches. This trophy had been awarded for the first time to Mr. A. C. Williams, a New Zealand student.

TRAINING ENGINEERS

Mr. E. C. Gordon England, in reply, said that those who had an opportunity of a training in the College of Aeronautical Engineering had all the world before them. More first-class engineers were wanted in the industry and the difficulty was to get trained men with vision and inspiration. He would urge them not to forget that technical knowledge was frozen information and what the industry wanted was something fluid.

Mr. A. Percy Bradley replied on behalf of the automobile industry, and also proposed the toast of "The Guests."

Mr. F. Handley Page, in acknowledgment, said that the Society of British Aircraft Constructors had been much concerned lately at the lack of real engineers in the aircraft industry. They had to look seriously to the training of the next generation and the society had set up a committee to see in what way they could improve technical education. They had to provide for the trade apprentices, for people from the public schools who wanted four years' training in works coupled with some advanced technical instruction, and the university graduates who wanted two or three years' training in the works. Their committee were going round those works which were interested in the training of aircraft engineers and were also taking interest from other industries, notably the electrical industry, which had made great progress in its technical education. When they had ascertained the facts he hoped it would be possible for the society to get some considered policy for the aircraft industry. Campbell, Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Secretary of State for Air, also replied.

Malayan Leopard Cat In London

London. A beautifully marked Malayan leopard cat, with fur of a warm golden colour, picked out with black, was received at the Regent's Park Zoo recently from Kuala Lumpur.

The donors were Dr. and Mrs. J.A. Simpson, of the Medical Research Institute, who obtained the animal when it was a kitten, reared it on a bottle and kept it as the tamest of pets.

"We were delighted to receive the leopard cat," declared a Zoo official "for we have had no specimen of this handsome carnivore in our collection for many years."

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING

T.T. London 1s. 2 1/2
Demand 1s. 3 1/2
T.T. Shanghai 172 Nom.
T.T. Singapore 83 1/2
T.T. Japan 100 1/4
T.T. India 83
T.T. U.S.A. 29
T.T. Manila 67 1/2
T.T. Batavia 63 1/2
T.T. Bangkok 140 1/2
T.T. Saigon 100
T.T. France 10.00
T.T. Germany 12
T.T. Switzerland 12 1/2
T.T. Australia 170 1/4

BUYING

4 m/s L/c London 1/3 1/4
4 m/s D/p do. 1/3 1/2
4 m/s L/c U.S.A. 29 1/4
4 m/s France 11.40
30 d/c India 84 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in Lon. 4.67 1/2

POST OFFICE.

BROADCAST RECEIVING LICENCES

Holders of licences are reminded that if it is desired to continue to retain possession of the apparatus after the date of expiration of the licence a renewal must be effected without delay.

New Licences will be available at the Government Radio Office, G.P.O. Building, First Floor, on ordinary business days, and will be issued against the receipt of a remittance of \$12.00, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., except on Saturdays when licences will be issued between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Applications may be made:—
(a) personally.
(b) by messenger.
(c) by post.

It is essential under (c) and preferred under (a) and (b) that applications should be accompanied by crossed Cheque payable to the Hongkong Government. The new licence will then be sent by post or messenger as soon as it is ready. Where actual cash is tendered a new licence should be received in exchange before leaving the Licensing Office.

In the case of renewal the old licence should be returned with the application.

MAIL FOR CANTON

Registered and ordinary mails (not insured or Parcel) will be accepted for Canton and despatched as circumstances permit.

MAIL LETTERS

Ordinary letter mail only for West Kwangtung, Kwangsi, Szechwan, Kweichow and Hunan will be accepted at senders' risk.

VIA SIBERIA ROUTE

Letters and Postcards for Europe (except Great Britain and Ireland) and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so superscribed.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

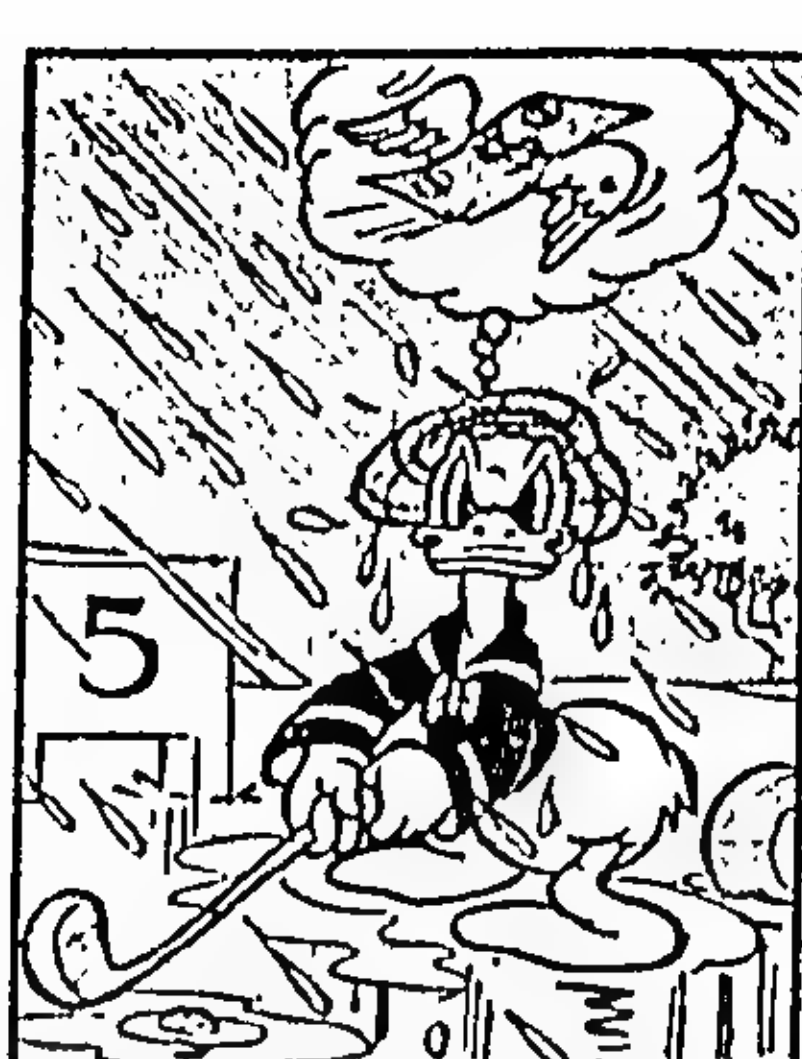
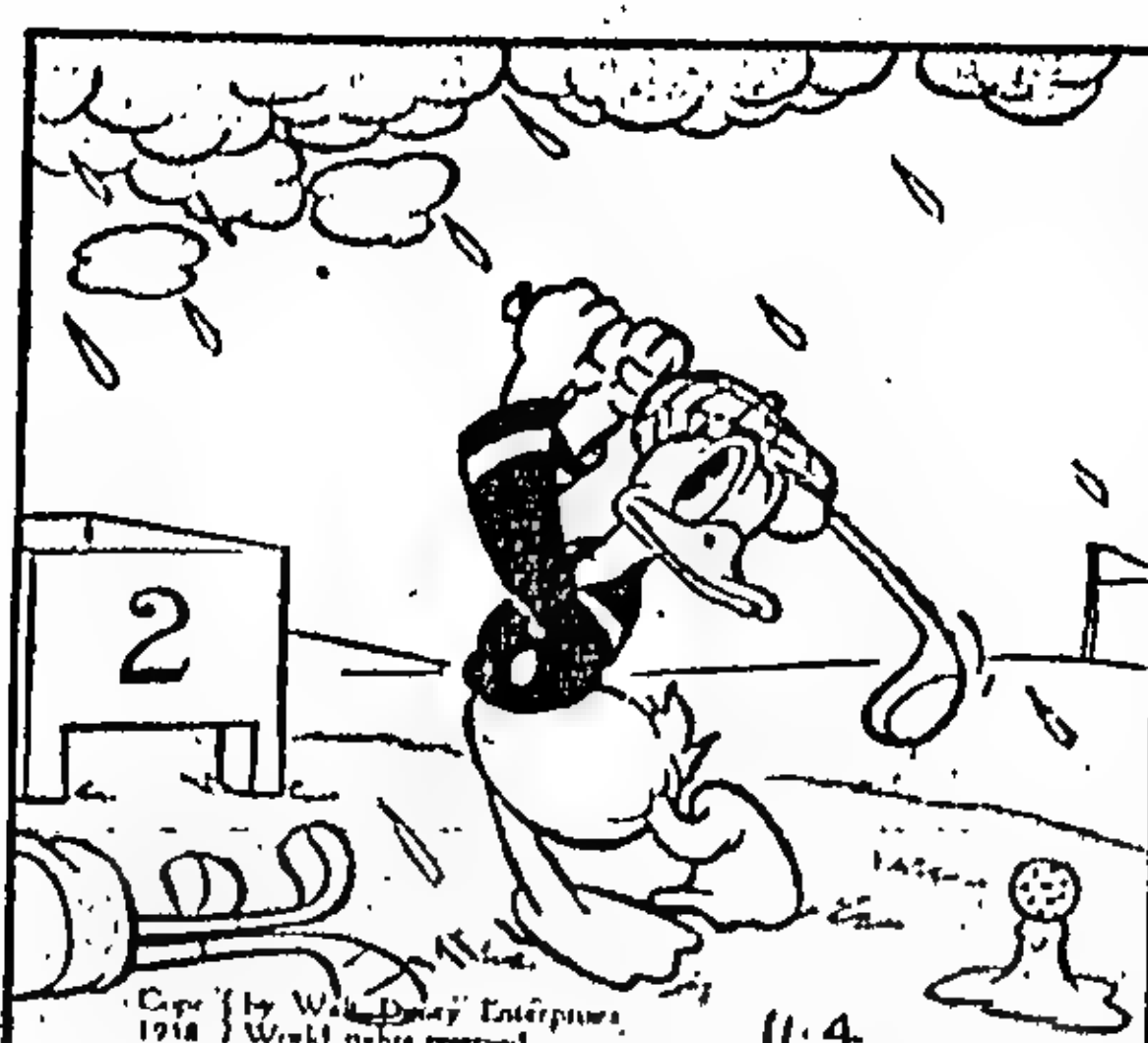
Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Due
Shanghai	Aeneas	January 9.
Shanghai	Gazana	January 9.
Shanghai and Swatow	Kiangsu	January 9.
Shanghai	Serookerk	January 9.
Shanghai and Amoy	Yunnan	January 9.
Manila	Zulderkerk	January 12.
Straits	Yasukuni Maru	January 10.
Japan	Helo Maru	January 11.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date.		
4th January	Imperial Airways Plane	January 11.
Rabaul	Friderun	January 12.
Shanghai	Potsdam	January 12.
Manila	Pres. Cleveland	January 12.
Amoy	Sirdhana	January 12.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C. date, 24th Dec.)	Emp. of Asia	January 13.
Japan, Shanghai and Formosa	Hakusan Maru	January 13.
Straits	Lycan	January 13.
Straits and Manila	Victoria	January 13.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date.		
7th January	Imperial Airways Plane	January 14.
Straits and Manila	Deucalion	January 15.
Calcutta and Straits	Hosang	January 15.

OUTWARD MAILS

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TSENGSHING RE-TAKEN

CHINESE CLAIM VICTORY IN SOUTH CHINA FIGHTING

It is officially claimed by the Chinese that Tsengshing was re-captured yesterday after heavy fighting and that the Japanese have retreated westward and are concentrating at Chuchuen, on the Tsengshing-Canton highway. A Japanese detachment from Kowkong has captured Chentsun, in the Shuntak district. Chinese guerrillas have been active along the Canton-Samshui Railway.

On the Chekiang front, the Chinese are attempting to capture Hangchow. The bulk of the 63rd Chinese Division has already crossed the Chientang River to the south-west of the city but is meeting with stiff opposition.

In Hopei, the Japanese have launched a general offensive against the Communist forces concentrated in the vicinity of Wukiao, and are reported to have resumed their push westward along the Lunghai Railway in Honan.

Reports from Shansi claim Chinese successes, and state that a counter-attack on Lishih has been launched.

The Chinese guerrillas harassing the Shantung Channel south of Canton were rounded up as the result of a joint drive by Japanese military and naval forces on Wednesday last. The units of the Japanese Pearl River flotilla destroyed the Chinese garrison at the mouth of the Channel and several Chinese military boats. Japanese Withdrawn from Kowkong.

Kweilin, Jan. 8. A military report states that the bulk of the Japanese forces at Kowkong and Hotsing, 24 miles south-west of Canton, has been shifted to Yukong in the vicinity.

Chinese guerrillas, it is revealed, staged a surprise raid on the enemy at Yukong a few days ago, when many Japanese were killed.—Central News.

Chentsun Attacked

Kongmoon, Jan. 8. A detachment of 400 Japanese from Kowkong attacked Chentsun, a commercial town in Shuntak District, on January 4 and were engaged by the Chinese Self-Defence Corps. The Japanese were later reinforced and the Chinese were compelled to retreat to Shatow, a town in Namhoi District.

It is definitely learned that preparations have been made by the Japanese in Samshui for a drive along the West River in the near future. Nearly five thousand Japanese have been gathering there, including artillery and cavalry units, while the number of warships off the shore of Hohow is also being increased.—Wah Kiu Yat Po.

Tsengshing Re-captured

Swatow, Jan. 8. It is officially reported that after sanguinary fighting the Chinese troops succeeded to-day in recapturing Tsengshing. The Japanese in Kwoonyum Cave, Taiwo, and Kuitow, all near the Canton-Tsengshing highway, have retreated westward. The main Japanese force is said to be concentrating at Chuchuen, a town on the highway.—Wah Kiu Yat Po.

Troop Train Attacked

Shiuhing, Jan. 8. The Japanese along various sections of the Canton-Samshui Railway have been repeatedly harassed by Chinese guerrillas. Late on New Year's Day, over 100 Chinese guerrillas lay in wait for the Japanese who were expected to pass a point near Saluan. As a Japanese military train was passing, the Chinese rushed forward and engaged the Japanese and after half an hour's fighting, nearly forty Japanese were killed, while the locomotive was destroyed.—Wah Kiu Yat Po.

CLOTHING STOLEN
Thieves Busy Towards
The Week-End

Clothing valued at \$70, and belonging to various military officers, was stolen from Gun Club Hill, Kowloon, between midnight and 6 a.m. on Friday, according to a report made to the police by Captain Martin, of the R.A.M.C.

Chau Sam, a woman residing at 47 Cooke Street, Hung Hon, has reported that a box containing money and jewellery to the value of \$220 was stolen from her home on Friday. The residence of another woman, Kwok Pik-tim, was entered between 3 a.m. and 7 a.m. on Saturday, and jewellery, money and clothing valued at \$30 were stolen.

Mr. M. N. Rukusen, residing at No. 4 Village Road, has reported the loss of clothing valued at \$570 from his residence on Saturday night.

Office Stamps Lost

Mr. W. Sharpe, Secretary of the Manufacturers Life Insurance Company, reports that some person stole \$10 worth of postage stamps from the office between 5 p.m. on Friday and 8 a.m. on Saturday.

A water meter, valued at \$50, was reported stolen from the Hung Hom Market on Friday, by Sanitary Inspector A. C. Simton. The meter is the property of the Government.

APPOINTMENTS
Notifications in The
Government Gazette

It is notified in the Government Gazette that Mr. E. H. Williams resumed duty as Crown Counsel on December 30, 1938.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Messrs. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, O.B.E., J.P., and Cyril Champkin, J.P., to be members of the Licensing Board for a further period of three years.

Mr. H. A. Mills is to be Assistant Postmaster General and Chief Accountant, General Post Office, with effect from January 1, 1939.

Drs. Tai Hon-hung, M.B., Ch.B., (Edin.), and Teng Pin-hui, M.B., Ch.B., (H.K.), are appointed Health Officers.

It is also notified that His Majesty the King has been pleased to approve the appointment of the Honourable Mr. Andrew Lusk Shields to be an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council, vice Mr. Marcus Theodore Johnson, resigned, with effect from October 10, 1938.

Social Items

The annual meeting of the Hongkong Group Peace Pledge Union will be held in the Challenge Book Rooms, Lee House Street, on Wednesday, January 11, when, after the routine business, Mr. R. A. D. Forrest will give an address. The meeting opens at 5.30 p.m.

St. John's Cathedral Women's Fellowship are holding a small Sale of Work, together with a Bridge and Mahjong Drive in the Cathedral Hall on January 12, at 3 p.m. Players will be charged \$1 including tea. There is no admission fee, and visitors to the Sale of work may obtain tea at a cost of 50 cents.

The monthly meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of the Society for the Protection of Children will be held in the old City Hall to-morrow at 10 a.m.

PHOTO EXHIBITION
Under Auspices of The
S. and S. Club

Entries are being received for the fourth annual exhibition of the Soldiers and Sailors Camera Club, which is to be held at the Sailors and Soldiers Home, 22 Hennessy Road, and opens at 5 p.m. on February 1. All amateur photographers are entitled to complete in the Open Section, while there is a special Open Section for members of H. M. Services and one for members of the Club.

Six prizes are to be awarded in Section A (General Open) as follows:—1st, prize, engraved silver plaque; 2nd, value \$25; 3rd, value \$15; 4th, value \$10; 5th, and 6th, Burroughs Wellcome exposure calculators and diaries.

Identical prizes will be awarded in Section B (Services Open), and a total of five prizes in Section C (Members).

Catalogues are being prepared, one of which, with prize-winning entries marked, will be mailed to each exhibitor prior to the opening of the exhibition.

Entry forms, with full particulars, may be obtained from the Sailors and Soldiers Home or from most photographic dealers. The last date for receiving entries is Wednesday, January 25, at 5 p.m.

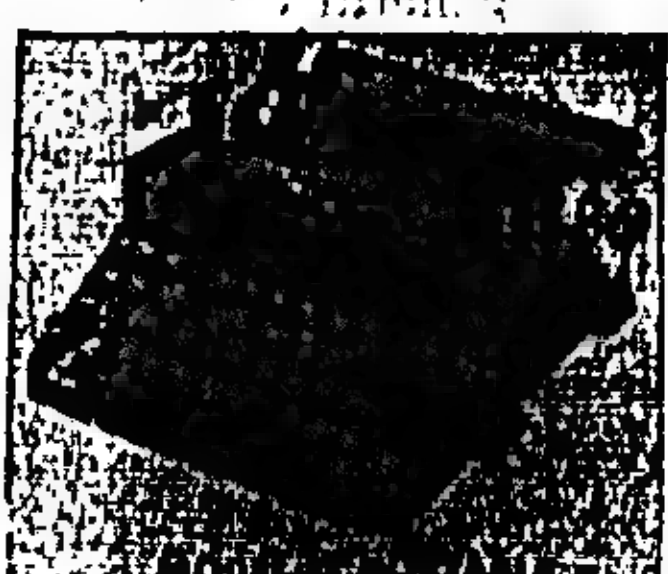
PAPER CHASE IN HILLS
Event Arranged by The
European Y.M.C.A.

A paper chase was organised by the European Y.M.C.A. yesterday morning. The course started from the terminal of Waterloo Road, went on to Lion Rock and around the adjoining slopes into the Kowloon Golf Club, ending at the Y.M.C.A. hockey ground, King's Park.

First home was Truscott, of the Royal Signals, followed by Brown of H.M.S. Grampus, and J. S. Greenberg. W. A. A. Ferguson acted as the hare. Truscott's time was 1 hour, 10 min. 15 sec. R. Goldman and W. Colledge acted as umpires.

Mrs. A. W. Ingram, wife of the secretary of the Y.M.C.A., presented prizes to the winners in the West Lounge of the European Y.M.C.A.

The next paper chase, which will be a "bill chase" will be held on February 5. The object of this chase will be to throw away as many unwanted bills as possible for the trail. The Paper Chase Club invites as many unwanted bills as possible from people who are being bothered by creditors.

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RAID ON A DIVAN
Nearly Fifty People
Smoking Opium

A record number of opium smokers, 49 in all, were discovered by a raiding party under Revenue Officer Warden on the first floor of a house in Reclamation Street on January 4. Nine opium pipes, four pipes of opium, and eleven lamps were also discovered.

The keeper of the divan, Chu Hol, appeared before Mr. E. Hinmworth at the Kowloon Magistracy on Saturday, and was fined \$200, or four months' hard labour, on the charge of keeping the divan, and a further \$10 or another month for possession of the opium.

Haul of Heroin

Arrested in possession of 29,001 heroin pills in a flat at Aberdeen Street on December 30, Kwok Kai, 56, unemployed, was sentenced to 12 months' hard labour, and fined \$2,500 or another six months' hard labour, by Mr. T. J. Houston at the Central Magistracy on Saturday.

Kwok was also charged with possession of one tael of prepared opium, and keeping an opium divan, and was fined \$45 or two months' hard labour, the sentences to be concurrent with those on the other charges.

THEFTS OF TREES
Wood Found Concealed In
Wanchai Houses

Three odd-job-coolies, Ip Yun-mui, 29, Cheung Shek-kai, 31, and Cheung Wing-wah, 28, were each fined \$5, or two weeks' hard labour, when they appeared before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy on Saturday, charged with the possession of 466 cuttings of pine tree wood at No. 1 Electric Street, Wanchai.

Mr. I. P. Tamworth, Assistant Superintendent of Botanical and Forestry Department, said that he raided the flat on a warrant and found the wood hidden beneath several beds. The wood was worth \$9.32.

A woman who was charged with possession of 434 cuttings of wild tree wood at another house in Electric Street, was fined \$10. Several other men and women similarly charged were each fined \$5 or three weeks' hard labour.

Inspector A. V. Baker prosecuted.

CARNIVAL DANCE

The Diocesan Girls' School was the scene of a gay function on Saturday night, when the Diocesan Old Girls' Carnival Dance there. The hall was thronged with merry makers and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Hands Across the Sea' And
Other London Relays

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6.00 For The Children.

Uncle Charlie's Nursery Rhymes; Nursery Rhymes... Little Mayfair Orchestra; The Nightingales Morning Greeting—Polka (Recktenwald); The Squirrel Dance (Smith)... Marek Weber and His Orchestra; The New Serial... Read by Aunt Dee; At Mother's Knee—Cradle Song (Schubert); Mr. Curly Headed Baby (Clutsam); Lullaby (Brahms)... Sung by Essie Ackland.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 New Dance Music and Variety.

Why Talk About Love—Quickstep; Tears In My Heart—Slow Fox-Trot... Henry Jacques and His Orchestra; Bold Your Wings ("Glamorous Night")... Mary Ellis and Trevor Jones; acc. by Duany Lane Theatre Orchestra; Bull It Is C—Slow Fox-Trot; Doctor Rhythm—Fox-Trot... The New Lyres; Fleur Bleue—Fox-Trot Chante; Je Chante—One Step Chante... Charles Trenet; acc. by Wal-Berg and His Orchestra; What Is Romance?—Slow Fox-Trot; The Chocolate Soldier's Daughter—Quickstep... Roy Fox and His Orchestra; Just In Fun... Max Miller (Comedian); You're An Education—Quickstep; So Long, Sweetheart—Slow Fox-Trot... Henry Jacques and His Orchestra; The Yam Step—As Explained by Fred Astaire; The Yam (Film: Carefree)... Fred Astaire with Ray Noble and His Orchestra; Small Fry—Slow Fox-Trot; A Little Toy Sail Boat—Fox-Trot... Gerardo and His Orchestra; Let's All Have a Chorus... With Tommy Handley and His Pals.

7.30 Tito Schipa.

La Cumparsita—Tango; Confession—Tango; Princessita (Little Princess).

7.40 The Milan Symphony Orchestra.

La Muta di Portici—Overture (Auber); Fra Diavolo—Overture (Auber); Manon Lescaut—Intermezzo (Puccini).

8.00 Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Studio—"That Music Reminds Me."

8.30 The Latest Dance Music.

Silver On The Sage (Film: The

Texans)—Fox-Trot; There's A Brand New Picture in My Picture Frame (Fox-Trot)... Tommy Tucker and His Orchestra; There's Rain In My Eyes—Slow Fox-Trot... Mantovani and His Orchestra; Hush, Here Comes the Dream Man—Slow Fox-Trot; Teddy Tail In Town To-day—6/8 One Step... Henry Hall and His Orchestra; Algernon, Whiffenpoop, John—Comedy Fox-Trot; When It's Thursday Night In Egypt—Comedy Fox-Trot... Harry Roy and His Orchestra; They Gave Him a Gun To Play With—Fox-Trot; When the Circus Came to Town—Novelty Fox-Trot... Jay Wilbur and His Band.

9.00 London Relay—"Hands Across the Sea" by Noel Coward.

9.30 London Relay—The News.

9.50 A Chopin Programme.

Concerto No. 1 in E Minor Op. 11

...Arthur Rubinstein (Piano) and the London Symphony Orchestra;

Nocturne in C Sharp Minor...

Op. 25...Lerner String Quartet;

Polonaise in E Flat...Jose Echaniz (Pianoforte).

10.30 London Relay—In Town To-night.

Introducing personalities from every walk of life in interviews with Lionel Gamlin, flashes from the news of the week, and "Standing on the Corner" (Michael Standing interviews the man in the street); Edited and Produced by C. F. Meehan. 11.00 Close Down.

CHILDREN'S PARTY

Russian Community Hold
Christmas Festival

St. Voldemar's Day, set aside for children in Russia, was celebrated by the Russian community in Hongkong with a party at the St. Andrew's Church Hall yesterday, when over 70 children were present.

The party was arranged by a committee from the Russian Orthodox Church. They were Mrs. V. Afanasieff, Mrs. A. Moors, Mrs. L. Kreloff and Mrs. L. Veriga.

The hall was tastefully decorated, while a Christmas tree laden with bon-bons and toys were placed in the centre. These were later distributed to the children.

A speech was given in Russian by the Rev. Dimitre of the Russian Orthodox Church, while Mrs. A. Shapiro was the leader of the chorus for the singing. Other items included recitation of a number of Russian poems.

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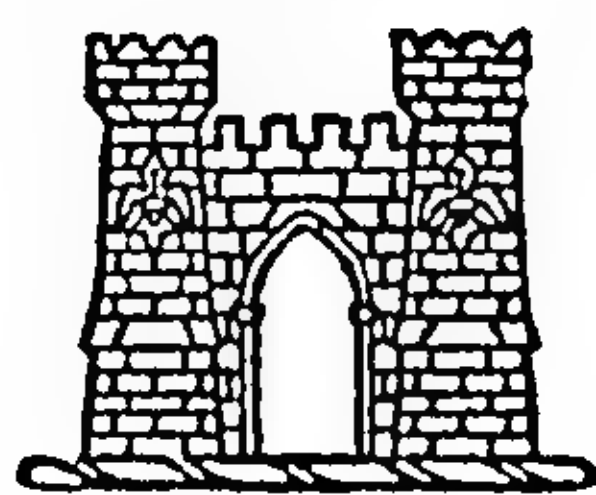
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Appeasement or Peace?

THAT WE SHOULD live at peace with all our neighbours is an ideal that no one would wish to repudiate. Nor need the fact that some nations have adopted forms of Government very different from our own be by itself an obstacle to peaceful relationships between our democracies and their dictatorial regimes.

The difficulty arises, however, in international policies, for countries like Germany and Italy and Japan insist on deciding for themselves what they consider their due, and definitely set about reaching their goals by violent means without any regard to the rights of other peoples. This is an attitude that makes true Peace impossible. In its place the world becomes an anarchy, where Might alone determines right.

Japan overruns China, Italy annexes Abyssinia, Germany seizes Austria and Czechoslovakia. The League of Nations advances a very different plan for World Peace as its objective. It is founded on the democratic virtue of tolerance. The integrity and independence of each nation—however small and insignificant it may be—is to be respected. Violence is no longer to be used by any nation as a means of securing what it considers justice for itself. No nation is to be judge in its own cause. Disputes are to be settled in a third-party world forum and Governments agree to abide by decisions so reached. Patent injustices in relationships are to be remedied by peaceful means in an atmosphere of mutual understanding and goodwill. The united strength of the whole Community of Nations is pledged against aggression and anarchic violence.

This programme for peace is the only one that is workable; and the present unhappy conditions that prevail universally are due to its abandonment by the nations that pay lip service to its tenets but in practice betray its principles.

We have sought appeasement with the militarist aggressive nations by yielding to their demands. The whole fabric of Law and Order has broken down. Every nation is wasting its substance in preparation for the calamity of another World War, which threatens to destroy all the values of the civilisation that has been so painfully built up.

Are we to continue this surrender? It is perhaps not too late even now to return to the League of Nations, for even today the nations that stand for Law and Order, and Peace are sufficiently powerful to check the flood of insanity that threatens to overwhelm the world.

INNOCENT—AND 21 YEARS IN GAOL

IN the early days of the Russian revolution, when the Allies still thought that Russia could be persuaded to continue the war, President Wilson sent a distinguished journalist as an unofficial ambassador to St. Petersburg. The first night after his arrival he awoke to see collected outside his hotel a huge crowd who shouted in unison one word only, "Muni, Muni."

The journalist, impressed by what he took to be a pro-American demonstration, inquired what this curious Russian expression might mean. He was then told that it was the name of a Californian Labour leader who a little while before had been sentenced to death for supposed participation in a bomb outrage.

This man, Thomas J. Mooney, his sentence commuted to life imprisonment, is after 21 years of confinement, to gain his freedom. Last week the Californian Governor kept his promise made at the recent gubernatorial elections, to sign a pardon for his release.

Of Mooney's innocence there is no doubt. The judge at his trial, and nine of the ten surviving jurymen, signed a petition for his pardon. Under the heading of "The Lawless Enforcement of Law," the Wickersham Commission, appointed by President Hoover to investigate "Law Enforcement and Observance," drew up a lengthy report on Mooney's case which completely vindicated him.

This section of the report was suppressed. However, by a vote of the Senate, President Hoover was compelled to produce it, and it is from that suppressed report that the following facts of the case are taken.

ON the afternoon of July 22, 1916, a bomb exploded during a pro-war "Preparedness Day" parade in San Francisco. Nine persons were killed and forty wounded. Owing to the failure of the police to examine the site, the nature of the bomb was never determined. Though a tin canister had been seen falling from the roof of a nearby building the police deduced from a cog-wheel belonging to an alarm clock found near the scene by a souvenir-hunter that the explosion was caused by a time bomb concealed in a suitcase.

No parts of a suitcase were, however, found. A private detective, Martin Swanson, previously in the pay of the Employers' Association, was given charge of the case by the District Attorney, and he advised the immediate arrest of Mooney, his wife, two other Labour leaders, Warren Billings and Edward Nolan, and a taxi-driver, Israel Weinberg. The first four were known to be enemies of Swanson's.

Swanson's theory was that the bomb had been manufactured by Nolan and adjusted at another address by Mooney, the prosecution was aware of the Billings and Mrs. Mooney, and the unreliable nature of the Billings in Weinberg's taxi to example, the principal witness

A FACTORY WITHOUT MACHINERY

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IN these days of mechanisation it is a pretty unusual thing to find a factory without machinery.

This actually is the case with the new "Sobranie House" the premises now occupied in London by A. Weinberg, manufacturers of the famous Balkan Sobranie tobaccos and cigarettes.

During a recent visit a Press representative failed to find one single piece of machinery other than the tobacco cutting machines, and these are used, so said Mr. David Redstone, only because good hand cutters are nearly extinct to-day in Britain and a labour minded government will not allow foreign tobacco cutters to be imported.

The absence of the noise of machines is noticeable, and added to the general cleanliness and spaciousness, almost a cathedral effect is produced. Only the very best, high priced tobaccos are used in this factory, and pretty nearly every particle of dust is removed from it by successive siftings.

ROWS OF WORKERS
Every process is done by hand and it is quite a fascinating sight to see the rows of cigarette makers, with their fingers working like lightning, picking out just the right amount of tobacco for each cigarette, making the cigarette and dropping it into a wooden trough, from which it is collected by girls for

the ends to be trimmed. Incidentally, all the cigarette makers are men, who, Mr. Redstone thinks, are better at the job than women.

It must have needed a deal of pluck and confidence to adhere to their policy of only making and selling high quality tobaccos and cigarettes right throughout that terrible slump period, but the Balkan Sobranie people were convinced that there were plenty of smokers who would still, and who always would, buy a high priced article and stuck to their guns and steadily refused to bring out any popular-priced lines.

To-day, that confidence in themselves has proved to be justified, for their brands are selling to an infinitely greater extent than ever before and they are sending them all over the world. And well they might, for they are truly beautiful tobaccos.

HEREDITARY GIFTS
Balkan Sobranie owes its reputation to the hereditary gifts of one talented family, who do all the blending themselves, and what that family do not know about tobacco seems hardly worth knowing.

The firm was founded by Mr. Albert Weinberg in the early seventies of last century at the very beginning of the Turkish cigarette trade in this country. Mr. Weinberg was one of the



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readers are already familiar with the notorious case of Tom Mooney. In this article, Mr. G. H. C. Bing, a well-known barrister authority on international trials, brings the amazing story up to date, with special reference to the applications made for the release of America's "Dreyfus."

TOM MOONEY — "Guilty or innocent, they were not going to let him out."

of the supposed meeting with only had to say you saw me on Mrs. Mooney to adjust the bomb July 22 in San Francisco, and that had before the trial made a will be easy dun. Instead, statement to the police saying the friend handed this letter to the Press. After long delays the Californian authorities were compelled to prosecute Oxman for subornation of perjury.

Even at the time of his trial the evidence against Mooney was insufficient. Since his conviction what little evidence there was has been shown to be perjured. Mooney had a strong alibi to show that at the time the bomb exploded he was at home. The prosecution produced only two witnesses to prove that Mooney was ever on the scene of the explosion. One, MacDonal, in 1921 made a sworn confession that his evidence was untrue. The other, Oxman, was, after the trial, denounced by an upcountry Californian authorities felt that they had got two dangerous "Reds" in prison, and, guilty as luncheon with him and his wife at their farm, some to let them out. It was only by the pressure of world opinion that Mooney was saved. Will Oxman tried to rebut this by world opinion make its pressure writing to a friend asking him sufficiently felt to secure the to give evidence. "You will release of Billings?"

THE cases against Nolan, Mrs. Mooney and Weinberg, in which he was to have been the star witness, had to be dropped, but Mooney and Billings, whom he was instrumental in convicting, were kept in prison.

The injustice of their imprisonment was universally acknowledged. But this did not secure their release. The Californian authorities felt that they had got two dangerous "Reds" in prison, and, guilty as luncheon with him and his wife at their farm, some to let them out. It was only by the pressure of world opinion that Mooney was saved. Will Oxman tried to rebut this by world opinion make its pressure writing to a friend asking him sufficiently felt to secure the to give evidence. "You will release of Billings?"

first to introduce the hand-making of finest Turkish cigarettes and he was widely known as a leading blender of Turkish, Egyptian, Russian and Virginia cigarette tobaccos.

In the year 1922 the business of Albert Weinberg came into the hands of his nephew, Mr. Isaiah Redstone, whose experience of Balkan Sobranie and other cigarette

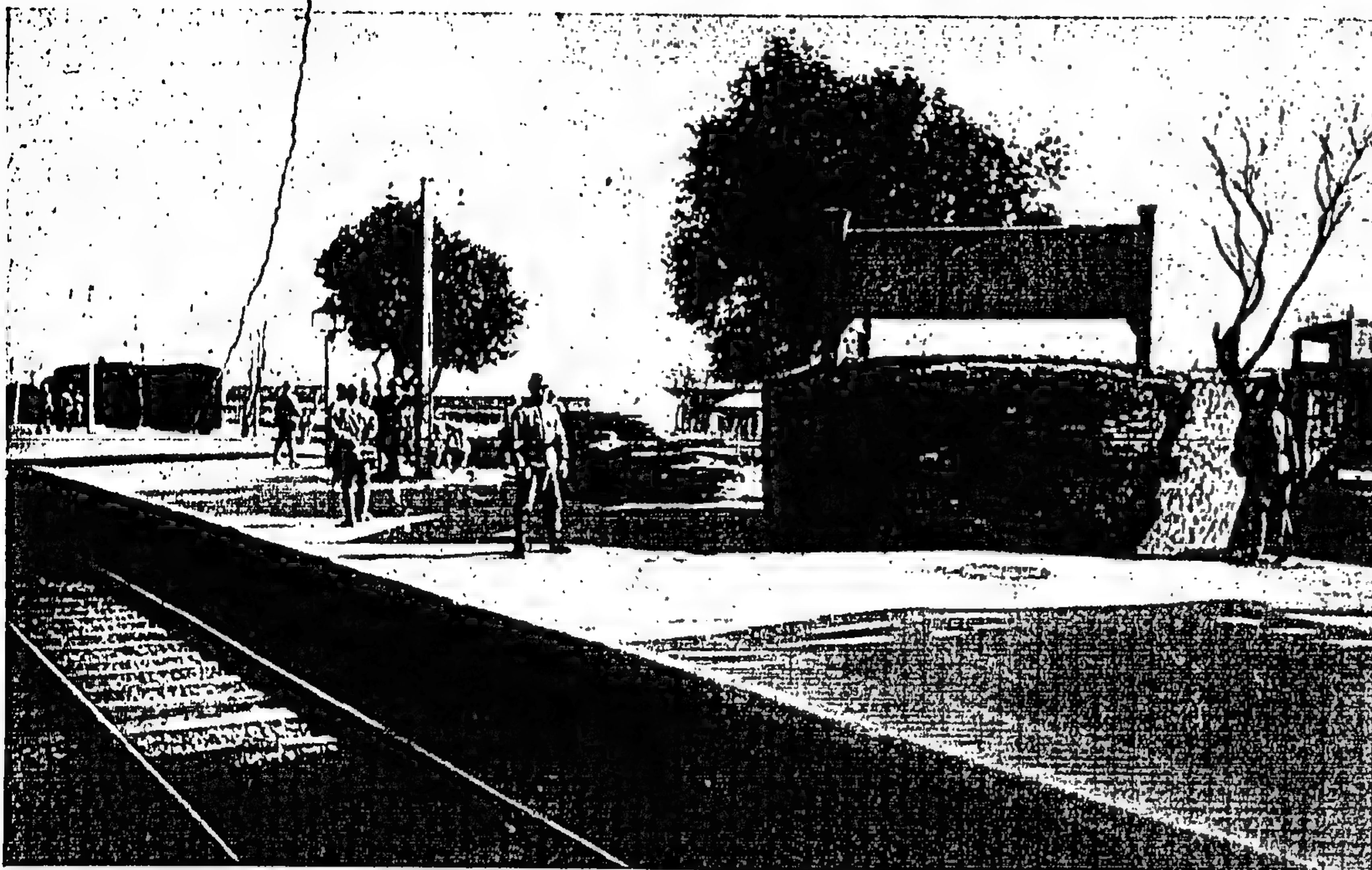
making now goes back over thirty-three years. Until 1922 the name Balkan Sobranie was known only to a comparatively small circle of connoisseurs. Since then it has achieved a much wider fame the world over.

Incidentally, this firm is represented in Hongkong by Ingenohl's La Perla Del Oriente Cigar Stores.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"So they gimme a pardon, eh? Well, that's society for you—they teach you a trade, then turn you out where you can't make a living at it!"



THE ACTIVITIES OF CHINESE SOLDIERS and marauding bands of armed guerrillas along the railway lines leading out of Shanghai have prompted the Japanese military to take drastic precautions against this type of operation. Strongly built pillboxes have been built on the railway stations and along the track of the Shanghai-Nanking railway as a protective measure. Shown in the picture is a brick pillbox erected at Wuhai Station and guarded by Japanese soldiers.

THE BRITISH ARMY Secretary For War Makes Defence

London, Jan. 7.
Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, Secretary for War, speaking in his constituency last night, referred to certain charges which had recently been made about his administration at the War Office, and complained that these charges were neither open nor precise.

But it appeared to be suggested that the War Office under his administration had been inactive, and the Secretary for War proceeded to recount measures which had been taken during the last nineteen months for which he had held his present office.

For thirty years, the main organisation of the Army had remained virtually unaltered. Since he took office it had been completely overhauled in all its formations and units.

It was being made flexible, was being mechanised, and was being adapted to modern uses. The role of the Army had been defined in a series of precise priorities.

A territorial field army had been reformed on the same lines as the Regular Army, involving much conversion, adaptation and retraining.

The shortage of men, which he was told there would be by March next at the rate of recruiting prevailing for the Regular Army at the time he went to the War Office, would in the event be less than half that predicted.

While under 23,000 recruits were obtained in the recruiting year 1937/8 in the current year it was estimated that there would be about 40,000 despite the fact that competing requirements of other regular services had more than doubled in the interval.

In the past nineteen months the position and prospects of every officer and man in the British Army had been improved.

The number of officers undergoing Staff training had been doubled, and an additional Staff College had been established.

The territorial Army nineteen months ago was 153,204 strong. Today it was 200,100 strong. It was closer to its establishment than ever before in its history.

The demand of all the various auxiliary forces, active and passive, had increased by over 500 per cent. but despite these competing demands the increase of recruits for the Army auxiliary forces at the present rate of intake would be nearly 50 per cent.

Such, declared Mr. Hore-Belisha, was the magnificent response made by the manhood of the nation to the claims of its citizen army.

The Secretary for War also alluded to certain measures of a drastic and decisive character which he had had to take.

It had not been palatable, for instance, to make comprehensive changes in the Army Council and the Higher Command, and he was not unconscious of the risks he had taken.

The Prime Minister was equally acquainted with the character of the task which had awaited him at the War Office, and on the repercussions which must follow the forthright measures he had to take, had throughout sustained him.

He added there were still things to be done if the nation was to have the army it merited.

Referring to the responsibility of the War Office for anti-aircraft guns and searchlights to fit into the scheme controlled by the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Mr. Hore-Belisha mentioned that the batteries of the First Anti-Aircraft Division defending London would be within

LETTERS

Wang Ching-wei

To the Editor,
Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir—Certain local paper states that Mr. Wang Ching-wei publishes his message to General Chiang Kai-shek all at a sudden before exchanging views with the General Executive. This is not true.

Herewith is a copy of Mr. Wang's letter addressed to the Standing Committee of the C.E.C. of Kuomintang and The National Defence Council, which gives the real fact and may interest you for publication.

P. S. LIN,
Nam Wah Jit Pao.

The following covering letter to the telegram published on December 31, 1938, was despatched by Mr. Wang Ching-wei to the Standing Committee of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang and the Supreme National Defence Council on December 28, 1938, and is now released for publication.

"On the 8th of this month (December 8, 1938) I expressed to General Executive Chiang Kai-shek the view that the difficulties now confronting China arise out of the problem of how to sustain the War that with regard to Japan they arise out of the problem of how to end the war, that both countries realise their own particular difficulties as well as the difficulties of the other and that therefore, peace is not an impossibility. In addition, I said that on this issue, in so far as foreign relations were concerned, we might expect the assistance of Great Britain, the United States and France, the acquiescence of Soviet Russia, the non-intervention of Germany and Italy and especially the awakening of Japan. And if Japan should come to the realisation of the fact that China could not be subjugated by force of arms nor the Far East brought under its absolute hegemony, then peace would eventually come to the relief of all. These views were known to all those comrades who were present at our conversation."

The statement issued by the Japanese Government on December 22 indicated that Japan has come to the proper realisation of her position with regard to China. It may be recalled that although the terms proposed by Japan through the intermediary of the German Ambassador, prior to the fall of Nanking in the early part of December last year (1937), were more unfavourable and even less definite, yet General Chiang in view of the general situation, had no hesitation in accepting them as a basis on which to negotiate an honourable peace. Subsequently, however, as a result of Japan's own hesitation and change of mind, and the consequent alterations of the proposed terms and the widening of their scope after the fall of Nanking, the matter was left in abeyance. But in view of the present reconsideration of her attitude towards China by Japan, it is natural that we should respond with a statement on which we may negotiate with Japan in order to find the proper solution of various questions with a view to re-establishing peace and stabilising the Far Eastern situation. This opportunity to end the present war must not be allowed to pass again.

The assistance from Great Britain, the United States and France is gradually materialising. Such assistance can only have the effect of putting us in a more favourable position to negotiate peace; it is by no means sufficient to have any effect on the outcome of the war enabling us to secure a decisive victory by military measures. This is well known to everybody and needs no further explanation. With regard to the international situation, it is obvious that without the co-operation of Great Britain, the United States and France, Soviet Russia cannot take any independent action to help China on any large scale, while Germany and Italy will certainly not

SATURDAY'S BRIDE

Australian Chinese Girl
Wed at St. Paul's

A wedding of interest to Australian Chinese in Hongkong took place at St. Paul's Church on Saturday afternoon, when Miss Mavis Queenie Cheong became the bride of Mr. Andrew Nymphus Chan.

THE BRIDE, who is the only daughter of Mr. Jack A. Cheong, well-known merchant of Melbourne and Hongkong, and Mrs. Cheong, wore a wedding gown of white crepe satin cut on princess lines, with a long train at the back. Her tulle veil was held in place by a dainty Juliet cap. She carried an ivory-backed bible in the place of the customary bouquet.

Attending the bride were the Misses Cheong Cheong (cousin of the bride), Doreen Luey and Esther Wong, as bridesmaids, wearing frocks of pink French tulle cut with very full skirts, and wearing pink velvet flowers in their hair. They carried posies of mixed sweet peas.

The train-bearers were Masters James Cheong (brother of the bride) and Junior Lau. They wore black velvet trousers, white satin blouses and black velvet jackets.

The bridegroom is the second son of Mr. Ning-fat Chan, merchant of Pukhoi, and Mrs. Chan.

The bride's mother was present in a richly embroidered Chinese ceremonial gown.

Mr. Archie A. Cheong, the bride's uncle, gave the bride away, and Mr. Fung Tin-yau undertook the duties of bestman.

The Rev. Paul S. F. Tso officiated at the ceremony and Mr. Peter Cheung was at the organ.

Later a brilliant reception was held at the Gloucester Hotel.

ANOTHER WEDDING

The wedding also took place on Saturday afternoon, between Miss Tong Ching and Mr. Stephen Sz-to, at St. Mary's Church, Causeway Bay.

The bride, who was born in Eshan, Kwangtung, is a teacher at the Chiu Fat School, Kowloon.

The bridegroom is the principal of the South China Chinese Language Institute, Canton, of which he is the founder. He has had twenty years' experience teaching his language to foreigners, and is the author of the "Cantonese Reader."

The Rev. Leo Kau-yan officiated at the ceremony.

After the reception, which was held at St. Mary's Church Hall, the happy couple left for Cheung Chau, where the honeymoon is being spent.

be reluctant to assist in the re-establishment of peace.

With regard to the internal situation, with the exception of the Communist Party and the minority who like to see China doomed, the National Government overthrown and the Kuomintang collapse—I can see no proper reason why anybody should be opposed to an honourable peace.

It is only after mature deliberation that I venture to make this proposal. I have already expounded my views to General Chiang in another message, and I am now addressing this to you in the hope that my sincerity be given due consideration and my suggestions, honoured with your approval.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

The annual distribution of prizes at St. Paul's College took place this afternoon, in the presence of a goodly number of ladies and gentlemen. The Right Rev. Bishop Huron presided, and the Revs. Dr. Chalmers, W. Jennings, A. G. Goldsmith, and J. B. Ost, F. E. W. Hartmann, Hon. W. E. Wodhouse, Mr. Bellus, &c. were present.

Prince Bismarck has resolved to restore German authority in East Africa, either by taking over the Company stations or by assisting the Company financially.

At the Water Police Court, Sydney, the other day, a specimen of gentle womanhood known as Annie Thomas was charged with biting off the ear of Andrew Whitaker. Andrew had the ear along with him wrapped up in brown paper, and as there was no ear on one side of his head and the severed organ of hearing exactly fitted the spot, the evidence was considered strong against the prisoner. Mr. Whitaker deposed that the lady was his cook, and that a slight disagreement having arisen she had charged at him with a chunk of rock. He rushed in in return with a soap-dish, and then she took his ear and fled. The magistrate considered that the ears of peaceful subjects were not intended for such a purpose, and committed the alleged cannibal for trial.

Admiral Byron Drury, F.R.G.S., died on the 8th November, at Cambridge Villa, Cheltenham, aged seventy-three. He was senior lieutenant of the *Albatross* at the first capture of Chusan, in 1841, receiving the China medal, and being promoted to commander for his service. While in Calcutta he rendered valuable services in surveying and sounding the channels in the Yangtze-River preparatory to the ascent of the fleet to Nanking.

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25 YEARS AGO

In dreadnoughts, and super-dreadnoughts we shall command in March, 1914, thirty to Germany's seventeen, with a still greater qualitative advantage and a long tail of King Edwards, and of other types, superior to anything that Germany can show; so that on the same date we exhibit sixty-eight capital ships of 1,187,760 tons to her thirty-seven of 616,055. In the greater and more powerful cruisers comparison is merely a tie, for we shall have thirty-two of 322,800 tons to eight German ships of 82,775 tons. In smaller cruisers alone is there something approaching parity, though in no way reaching it, while in destroyers and submarines the advantage is again enormous. There is, in a word, no Anglo-German naval confrontation. It has disappeared within four years of the moment when it was declared to dominate European politics.

Reuter's correspondent at Cairo states that M. Pourcel, who is making the flight to Khartoum, arrived at Luxor, re-started for Wadhiya. He passed Assuan, on route, tourists assembled on the roofs of hotels witnessing the flight. The whole of the natives were amazed, this being the first aeroplane they had seen.

Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, Unionist M.P. for West Birmingham, states in a letter to his constituents that he has decided to retire from Parliament at the next General Election.

10 YEARS AGO

A message from Nanking states that the Administrative Yuan yesterday afternoon decided to accept the resignation of Mr. A. H. F. Edwards as Inspector-General of the Maritime Customs.

LATEST COAST TRANSFERS

Mr. F. W. Mace, Commissioner in Shanghai, has been appointed Inspector-General in place of Mr. Edwards.

Mr. Y. N. Campbell, chief officer, Shuntien, has gone acting master, Chekiang, Captain S. M. Barling, of the Chekiang, is on reserve.

Mr. A. Cook, of the Chenan, has gone master, Ninghai, Captain N. Hardie, of the Ninghai, has gone master, Chenan.

Mr. J. E. Richards, from reserve, has gone master, Fatsan, Captain J. Mitchell, of the Fatsan, is on Home leave.

Mr. D. Lupton, from reserve, has gone master, Kwangchow, Captain J. D. Milne, of the Kwangchow, has gone master, Antung, Captain G. A. G. Morse, of the Antung, is on reserve.

5 YEARS AGO

Serge Stawisky, hunted all over France as the ringleader of the Rayonnie swindle conspiracy, shot himself at Chamonix to evade arrest.

As a sequel to the Georges Philippart disaster in the Red Sea in May, 1932, when the latest magnificent addition to the Messageries Maritimes fleet was destroyed on her maiden voyage, with a heavy loss of life, seven persons are being charged with homicide by negligence.

A special meeting of the Australian and New Zealand Association will be held in the private dining room of the Gloucester Building (Top Floor) at 6.30 p.m. on Thursday, for the purpose of electing a new Committee.

Spelling Bee

HOW many of these words are correct and what is wrong with the others?

disputable, necessitate, resuscitate, reservoir

English Oxford Dictionary spelling of these words will be found on page 1.

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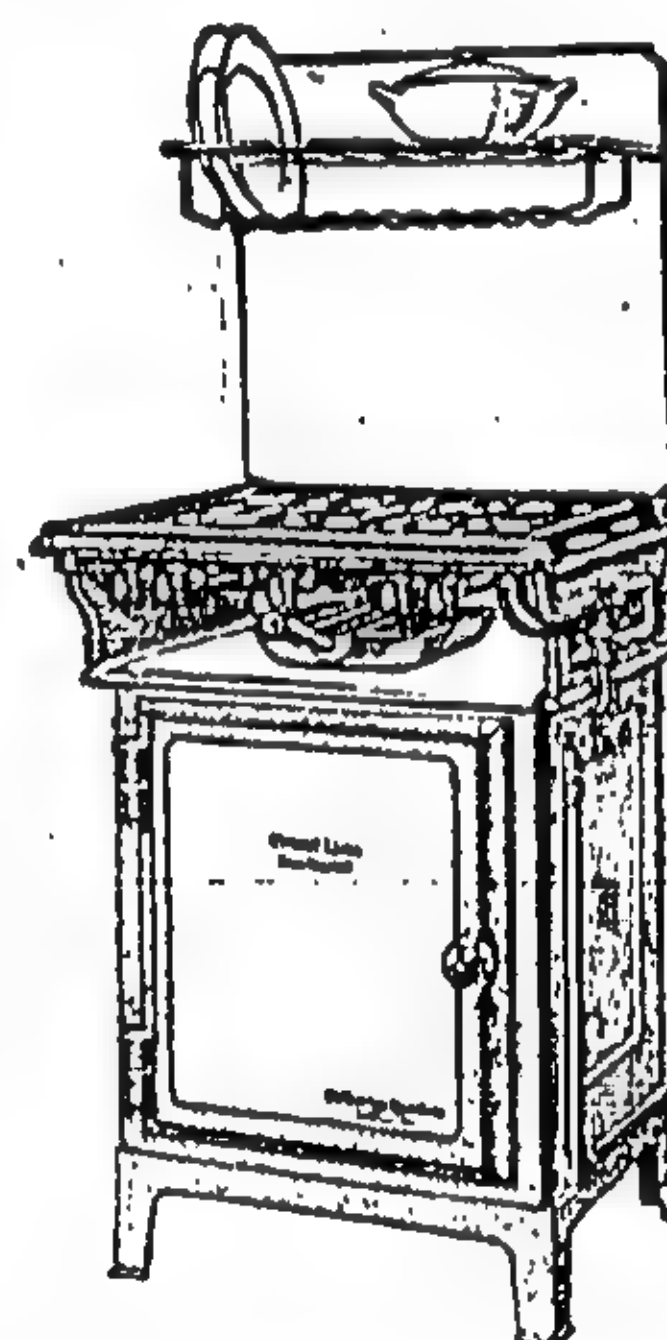
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UNIVERSITY DANCE Charity Function Follows Flag Day Effort

In spite of Saturday's bad weather, it is understood that the flag day organised by the Hongkong University Union Chinese Medical Relief Association, in aid of wounded soldiers and refugees in the New Territories, proved a success. The exact amount collected is not yet known, but is said to be substantial.

The Association extended their charitable activity of the day by holding a dance in the Great Hall of the Hongkong University the same night. The function was largely attended, and among those present were Mr. D. J. Sloss, Vice-Chancellor of the University, and Mrs. Sloss.

Popular dance music was provided by a band from the Hongkong Hotel.

CANTON STUDENTS' AID

The Canton University Students' Relief Association is giving a variety of entertainment at the Po Hing Theatre, Nathan Road, Kowloon, on Wednesday, January 11, at 7 p.m. aid of refugees and wounded soldiers. The admission charges will be \$5, \$3, \$2, \$1, 50 cts. and 30 cts.

Judge Fines Himself

SAN JOSE, Cal.
Superior Judge E. N. Rector, a stickler for punctuality, was so disgusted when he arrived late himself for a session of court that he declared himself in contempt and paid a \$5 fine. He had called a session for 9 A.M., but as the result of a force of habit, he arrived at 10 A.M.

RETURNS BY BANKS Particulars of Notes In Circulation

The following are returns of the average amount of banknotes in circulation in Hongkong, during the month ended December 31, 1938, as certified by the Managers of the respective Banks:

Banks	Average Amount
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China	\$ 24,052,037
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	210,107,076
Mercantile Bank of India, Limited	4,441,020
Total	\$238,600,133

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ROYAL SCOTS PLAY SEVENTH DRAWN TIE IN LOCAL SOCCER

KWONG WAH MADE TO SHARE HONOURS

(By "Abe")

There is a certain quality in the football of the Royal Scots which defies description. It comes to the surface when least expected—usually when defeat for the Scots appears imminent—and at the last moment enables the team to snatch a point from bewildered opponents.

The Scots' match against Kwong Wah in the First Division of the Football League, played at Kowloon yesterday afternoon, was a case in point. Outplayed by the Chinese for three quarters of the match, the Scots suddenly became revitalized and, facing a two-nil score, managed to share the honours.

Out of 12 matches which they have played in the League to date, the Royal Scots have now drawn seven, two having been won and three lost. While admitting that Kwong Wah were somewhat unlucky in having to share the two points at stake, one can also say that in a way they brought this upon themselves. There was no doubt regarding their superiority throughout the first half and the majority of the second; but when they were over-running the net more than twice, had they seized all the opportunities which came their way, they would have piled up a lead which would have placed them in an unsalable position.

LEAD INSUFFICIENT

As it was, their two-goal lead did not prove sufficient when the Scots staged their magnificent recovery. Their lead was wiped off in quick time by Proctor and Hossack, and at one stage they were even in danger of defeat. Fortunately for them they succeeded in steady down and in the last minute of the game might have snatched a victory when Leung Bing-kam was presented with an opportunity of shooting. However, he wasted it and the chance did not come again.

Better football was provided by the Chinese, whose attacking movements were always well-conceived. They were also far more impressive in their midfield play when the ball was swung about in an entertaining manner, but they did not always finish well, for too many scoring opportunities being frittered away. The defenders were in fine form, and were never hurried by the Scots' attack. Yeung Tse-song, the Kwong Wah centre-half, was a tower of strength and outshone Proctor, who was given a strenuous time by the nippy work of the opposing forwards, among whom Wong King-cheung, the outside left, was always a source of trouble.

TACTICS FAILED

In contrast with the Chinese, the Scots played the close-passing game, but these tactics failed and little progress was made. The Scots also had their chances of scoring in the first half, but faulty shooting nullified some good midfield efforts. The game opened in a manner which suggested that the Kwong Wah were by far the better team. At least, they were playing very attractive football and deserved the lead which Chin Chi-tun gave them when he met a corner kick first-time to send the ball into the Scots' net.

Efforts made by the Scots to equalize were not aided by the fact that Allen, at inside left, was injured and had to be assisted off the field; and though he returned shortly before half-time, he was not as effective as he had been before.

In the second half, Cheuk Shek-kam increased the lead for Kwong Wah, but nevertheless the Scots were not discouraged. They took play into Kwong Wah territory and it was from a corner that Proctor reduced the lead with a nice header. Encouraged by this goal, the Scots had a short period of ascendancy, during which they equalized, through Hossack.

Exchanges became very exciting as both teams made strenuous efforts to score the winning goal. The Chinese had their chances, but missed them and the final whistle came with each side claiming a point.

Teams:

Kwong Wah.—Lee Kwok-lee; Hsu Yung-sang, Chung Fai-lam; Chung Wing, Yeung Tse-song, Wong Wah-gay; Leung Bing-kam, Chin Chi-tun, Cheuk Shek-kam, Chow Man-chi and Wong King-cheung.

Royal Scots.—Duncan; Fraser, McDonald; Adamson, Proctor, Clarke, Munro, Fleming, Hossack, Allen and Holmes.

£40,000 OFFER TO BUY CLUB

London, Dec. 18. Cardiff City directors last night refused a £40,000 offer from Mr. H. H. Merrett, a South Wales sportsman, to buy up all or part of the club shares.

Mr. Merrett also stated that if the deal went through he would spend £20,000 on players and improve the ground facilities at Ninian Park.

Cardiff City shares at the moment are worth between 5s. and 6s. Mr. Merrett offered to buy them at 10s. per share.

If the Cardiff City board had accepted it would have meant a total outlay of £40,000. The directors held a four-hour meeting before reaching a decision. Then they issued the following statement: "We have considered Mr. Merrett's offer but have decided not to accept it."

Mr. Merrett, who had waited on the result of the meeting, said: "I am amazed, I have never been so treated in my life. Personally I think it a public duty that Cardiff City should be placed in a strong position. I hope the followers of the club will support me."



That football has become one of the most popular sports in the Colony is evidenced here. The game certainly is not lacking in spectators. —Photo by Jaffer.

BEST RACEHORSE IN THE WORLD

Merit Of British Bloodstock

By Robin Goodfellow (Captain Eric Rickman)

London, Dec. 7. Lord Rosebery strongly opposed attempts which, he said, were being made to admit impure strains to the English Stud Book when he spoke last night at the annual meeting of the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association, of which he is Chairman.

The meeting was held at Newmarket after the conclusion of the sales for the day.

The General Stud Book was first compiled and issued in 1791 by an ancestor of its present compilers and publishers, Messrs. Weatherby.

The horses and mares mentioned in Vol. I. and one or two mares recorded for the first time in Vol. II. have formed the sole ancestors of the British thoroughbred, with the exception of a few lines of North American and Australian blood, which were admitted under certain conditions in 1899.

SIRED DERBY WINNERS

The principal American strain admitted at that time is represented by the numerous descendants of Orby, who won the Derby in 1907 and sired a Derby winner in Grand Parade.

Later it was realised that this exception had enabled some American horses and mares who were far from being thoroughbred to be admitted to the English Stud Book.

Lord Rosebery reminded the meeting that in 1913 Messrs. Weatherby adopted the suggestion of the Jockey Club that "no horse or mare can after this date be considered eligible for admission to the General Stud Book unless it can be traced without flaw on both sire's and dam's side of its pedigree to horses and mares already accepted in the earlier volumes of the Book."

VERDICT'S OFFSPRING

The most notable exception, apart from imported horses, is represented to-day by Verdict (who had two strains of impure blood) and her offspring, including Quashed and Thankerton.

"I earnestly hope," Lord Rosebery said, "that no one will ever induce Messrs. Weatherby to alter this rule."

TWO MATCHES DECIDED IN HONGKONG HOCKEY ASSOCIATION TOURNEY

Two matches were decided yesterday in the Hongkong Hockey Association Tournament, the C.B.A. beating the Police "A" at Boundary Street and the Club de Recreio overcoming Police "B" on the same ground.

Starting with only ten men, the Police "A" were hard-pressed, but they soon settled down and took the lead when Fauja Singh, the outside right, seizing upon a rebound, beat J. J. King.

Exchanges were very even at this stage. Though the C.B.A. were seen in several nice movements, they were unable to find the net for a long period, and only the splendid work of King between the sticks saved them from being further in arrears. King made some fine interceptions in the course of a fierce Police attack.

The Police held their slender lead up to five minutes from the interval. A short corner was awarded the C.B.A. and from this George Fowler scored the equalizer.

On resumption, the Police played with a full side and subjected the C.B.A. goal to a strenuous fire. However, they were unable to pass

French breeders, he added, had recently joined American breeders in advocating that the English Stud Book should be opened to certain blood which is ineligible, because the pedigree of a number of French race-horses to-day contain some American blood.

Lord Rosebery recalled the fact that nearly 200 years ago about 70 horses and a dozen mares were imported into North America by British colonists.

COULD NOT BE TRACED

They were indiscriminately mated and when, in 1868, the first volume of the American Stud Book was published, considerably more than half the animals entered could not be traced in their respective female lines to individuals imported from Great Britain.

Lord Rosebery said that Foxhall, who came from the United States to win the Cambridgeshire, Cesarewitch, and Ascot Gold Cup in 1881 and 1882, traced back to American cart-horses.

"There is nothing wrong with the British thoroughbred," he declared. "It may have its ups and downs, but in the long run it is still pre-eminently the best racehorse in the world."

Lord Rosebery said that he had not found one single reason why it would be advantageous to admit impure and untraced strains to the English Stud Book.

The Stud Book is a record of pure blood and not of performance, as I was reminded when I expressed regret after Quashed had won the Oaks and the Ascot Gold Cup that neither she nor her descendants could ever gain a place in it.

The purity of the Stud Book is worth defending so long as the British thoroughbred maintains his pre-eminence.

That reputation—and the true value of the Stud Book—depends on the future policy of British breeders and the way in which the general system of racing to which their efforts are adapted.

NAVY DEFEAT ARMY IN LAST FIXTURE OF TOURNAMENT

INTERESTING RUGGER AT CAUSEWAY BAY

(By "Fly-Half")

On Saturday afternoon the Navy defeated the Army by 14 points (a goal and three tries) to nil in the last match of the Triangular Rugby Tournament at Causeway Bay.

The winners held an advantage behind the scrum where the backs, despite the wet ball, handled extremely well. The Army forwards, especially Berry and Crawford, did well, the former figuring in many forward rushes.

Rain had rendered the ground rather sodden. The match between the two Club teams, which was played prior to the Triangular Tournament match, had stirred the pitch up a bit. The state of the ground suited the Army, as fast back play was more or less out of the question.

Crawford captained the Army side in the absence of Cuthbertson through injury. Cuthbertson, it is understood, is still suffering from the effects of a wrenched knee and damaged ankle received in the game against the Club a fortnight ago. Another absentee through injury was Ldg. Sea, Romans, of the Navy. He had injured his knee whilst playing for H.M.S. Eagle against the Club last Wednesday.

GOOD FORWARDS

The Navy forwards were collectively equally as good as their opponents, whilst such players as Berry, Crawford and Page were always prominent in the loose. Navy forwards were superior in the line-outs and their backing up was splendid. Darling, Ogle and Withersden were up with the play on most occasions.

Talbot excelled at scrum-half for the Navy despite the fact that because of the state of the ground, the ball was very slow in being heeled. Both inside three in the Navy team played cleverly and showed good understanding with each other's play. An effective movement which the Navy backs carried out time and again was that of an inside three dashing in and taking the ball between the scrum-half and the stand-off. This made it difficult for the Army stand-off to know which man to take.

Askwith's forceful running was once again much in evidence. Stevens, at full-back for the Navy, was faultless. Lomax, the Army full-back, played a very sound game and under the conditions his handling was perfect.

Boe and Hook were the pick of the Army backs.

NAVY SCORE

Navy were not long in making a score as within 10 minutes Hankin

scored well out. Elliot failed with the attempt to convert. Not long after this Askwith, by an amazing run of half the length of the field, scored just wide of the posts. Elliot did not have difficulty in adding extra points. For a period play was fairly even, both sides using the boot and rush method of play.

Then half way through the second period, Talbot sent Elliot away on the blind side to score well out. Withersden failed to convert. Skelton completed the Navy scoring with a try which resulted from a "three" movement.

At the conclusion of the game, H.E. the Commander-in-Chief, Vice-Admiral Sir Percy Noble presented the Triangular Tournament Cup to Lt. Elliot, the captain of the Navy team.

Teams:

Army.—Lt. Lomax (8th Heavy); Cpl. Pratt (Scots Fus.); Lt. Hook (8th Heavy); L. Cpl. Boe (Royal Scots); Pte. Ferguson (Middlesex); L. Sgt. Lang (R.A.O.C.); Cpl. Nealon (Royal Scots); L. Sgt. Page (6th Anti-Aircraft); Lt. Crawford (Signals); Capt. Lt. D'Oyly (Royal Scots); Gnr. Evans (5th Anti-Aircraft); P. Berry (Middlesex); Pte. Richardson (Seaforth); L. Cpl. Sutherland (Royal Scots); Spr. Appleby (Royal Engineers); Reserves, L. Sgt. Marshall (Royal Scots); Sgt. Black (Royal Scots); Spr. Pike (Royal Engineers).

Navy.—Pay Lt. Stevens (H.M.S. Kent); Ldg. Tel. Kelly (Kent); P. O. Askwith (Dunlop); Lt. Skelton (Medway); Pay Mid. Hankin (Kent); Lt. Elliot (Eagle); Capt. Lt. Talbot (Medway); Ldg. Sea, Romans (Eagle); Mr. Withersden (Duncan); Lt. Boddington (Medway); P. O. King (Tamar); Lt. Darling (Medway); Lt. Ogle (Medway); Lt. Griffiths (Medway); Sub. Lt. Hain (Eagle).

CLUB SIDES MEET

Prior to the T.T. match, two Club sides met. The result was a draw of six points each. Walker, former Club captain, made his first appearance in Saturday fixtures for the season. He had just returned from leave a week ago. His packing with Peers in the second row appeared to be successful.

Hutchison played a good game at stand-off half for colours.

WEEK-END FOOTBALL RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION		
Club Kowloon	2 Eastern	3
Police	2 Middlesex	1
Kwong Wah	2 Navy	2
SECOND DIVISION		
Club Kowloon	3 Eastern	1
Police	0 Middlesex	4
Engineers	1 5th. Bde.	2
Kwong Wah	5 R.A.O.C.	1
South China	1 Royal Scots	4
Electric	2 St. Joseph's	1
THIRD DIVISION "A"		
15th. Bde.	- P.W.D.	1
30th Bty. R.A.	- Royal Scots	-
Engineers (C)	- R.A.S.C.	-
Kit Chee	- Stanley	-
THIRD DIVISION "B"		
University	2 Kuaans	5
Powhatan	0 R.A.F.	12
Stonecutters W/T	0 Engineers (E)	0
Signals	3 24th Bty.	2
1st A.S.A.	- Medicals	-
† Postponed—ground unfit.		
† Postponed.		

GOLF AT FANLING

The junior championship of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club was begun on the old course at Fanling yesterday. The first 10 who qualify for the match play stages are C. H. Burton, J. W. Mayhew, N. K. Littlejohn, W. W. C. Sheehan, H. N. Williamson, H. J. L. C. Pearce, T. J. Price, B. C. M. Stark, C. D. N. Walker, J. Forbes, E. Faggiano, B. L. M. Wyllie, R. M. Henderson, T. F. R. Waters, J. Harrop, J. S. Dunnett, 91.

Other scores.—F. C. Young, T. Megarry 93, C. W. E. Bishop, A. Nicol, R. M. Wood, J. Petrie 94.

trate the defence, and when the ball was moved over to the other end S. Fowler and G. Fowler were seen in a nice movement which ended in the latter scoring.

This proved to be the winning goal.

RECREIO DEFEAT POLICE "B"

In the other game of the day, Club de Recreio beat Police "B" by three goals to nil. The winners were definitely the better team and as a result the game was rather one-sided. The Portuguese led one-nil at half-time, through a goal scored by J. Fonseca. In the second period, the Recreio forwards put on pressure and netted two more goals, the marks men being Rodrigues and L. G. Oliveira.

Too Much Importance Attached To Toss In Cricket Test Matches

The importance of winning the toss in cricket is raised once again—this time by Don Bradman, who, talking over the radio recently, ruefully remarked that he had called "heads" four times in the Tests in England, and four times seen Hammond's coin come down "tails."

The only thing which prevented him making a fifth wrong call was Manchester's rain, specially provided for the occasion.

Of course, this whole matter of coin-tossing in affairs of such terrible importance as Test matches is ridiculous. Cricket is already too much at the mercy of the weather. An hour or two of rain can ruin a side's chances, says Geoffrey Simpson in the Daily Mail.

That cricket cannot help, but when, in 10 matches out of 20, the advantage is with the team batting first, why leave the batting order to a copper coin? Or a silver one, if you like.

If Bradman wants a remedy, this is it: Let the team winning the toss in the opening Test have first knock. After that there should not be any coin spinning. The other side should bat first in the next game . . . and so on, alternately.

Even this arrangement would mean that the captain winning the toss at the start of the series would guarantee his team first use of the wicket in three of five matches—and surely that is sufficient advantage?

"CALLS" PREFERRED

It is a curious thing about "tossing for choice" that the advantage is usually with the man with the coin. And in Test cricket the rule is for the home captain to toss; the visitor to call.

Do you know that gamblers prefer that opponents to call? It is the

same when it comes to cutting a pack of cards for a stake. The gambler always offers his rival first cut.

In the case of a coin spin it should be even money on "heads" or "tails," but the odds against either, as Bradman will say, seem greater. One can have a sequence of "heads," or a run of "tails," and that's why Test cricket should not be decided by such a method.

I shall be told that batting and bowling win Test matches, which is true. But you cannot get away from the fact that when sides possessed of such batting strength as England and Australia meet on a good wicket, the side winning the toss has a powerful advantage.

CHAPMAN'S LUCK

The one England captain who seemed able to beat the odds which, somehow or other, are against the "caller" was A. P. P. Chapman. When he was in Australia he "named it right" three times, and England won the series.

But Chapman has a reputation for luck in this matter. When he was regularly captaining Kent rival skip-pers referred derisively to Percy's abominable luck. Up would go his coin, and down it would come in the required manner.

Well—Chapman's secret, it is said, it can be called, is that his lucky coin came out of a Christmas pudding. It was Christmas in Australia, and when Chapman forked the portion of pudding the dug out a golden half-sovereign.

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Which colour do your letters take with them?

If you are a bad correspondent, check the habit of putting off answering letters. Make it a golden rule to reply to all letters within three days of receiving them. If you delay, your letter will have to consist mostly of an apology, and that won't bring back a very cheerful answer.

Friendships thrive on pen and paper, but fade away for want of response. Strangely enough, the more you write the more news you will find to give.

What to say is often a problem. But it ought not to be. Pick out all the happy bits of news to relate. Never grumble or complain. If you have to mention illness or distress try to make light of it. By the time your letter is delivered the trouble will probably be improved, and your friends will worry needlessly.

Write to your friends as you would talk to them. The essence of a letter is that it should be personal. Nobody will thank you for a discourse on the European situation. It is a little thing like the soufflé that did not rise, your new jumper, or your visit to the theatre that makes interesting reading for your friends.

When answering a letter, read it through carefully so that you can begin by referring to things mentioned in it before starting off on your own affairs. Always acknowledge money and invitations at once, even though you have only time to scribble a post card.

What to Avoid

Never write unkind letters. The urge to write and "tell that person off" is often strong. Maybe he—or she—has said something nasty about you or appeared to slight you in some way or other. Spoken angry words can be forgotten if they are not said too often, but written words become photographed on the mind and live long to haunt us.

If you have a sick friend or one in trouble, make time to sit down and send a word of sympathy and cheer. It is the thought that matters, not what you write.

Remember that a birthday letter is doubly appreciated if you post it in time to arrive on the right date!

Keep an address book to avoid having to omit writing a letter owing to lack of an address. Regarding replies to invitations, remember to use the same form of speech when replying. Third person calls for third person, a friendly, informal note for such another in reply. It is always a safe and polite rule to repeat the essentials, such as

PLAYTIME FASHIONS for young boys and girls

By MARY GRACE



BIG sister chooses a shirt with easy fitting pleated shorts. Her two younger sisters look charming in their printed cotton tub frocks. Baby is proud of the appliqued duck on her gay check rompers, while sonny, kneeling, looks very manly in his dark linen knickers and short-sleeved shirt.

the time and date of an invitation in the answer, whether the reply is formal or the reverse.

L. H.

HOW often has an excursion been spoiled by some member of the expedition exclaiming, "I can't go any farther; my feet ache so!"

Although it is true that in some cases the cause may not be the fault of the individual, the vast majority of foot troubles are due to the person concerned.

Carelessness, ignorance or pride are the chief culprits. People cannot be bothered to get suitable shoes for walking. Some do not realize that feet unused to long walks will not function like those of an athlete.

Others have purchased shoes because they look nice or because they make the feet look small. If you want shoes that will carry you over miles of country, over hill

and dale, then buy a pair with thick soles and soft uppers, a pair that really fit. Break them in a week or two before the holiday.

Those who suffer most from foot troubles are the people with thin bony feet, flat feet or feet that perspire too freely.

Size, Please

The first class should be careful in their choice of footwear. They require bigger shoes relatively than those with fat feet because the latter are already padded and the friction of a tight shoe does not affect them to the same extent. A thinly covered foot quickly chafes if shoes are too tight.

Flat feet are those where the normal arch which gives a spring to the gait has fallen and the patient instead of being held up by the elastic bands underneath the foot, walks on the more solid bony joints of the foot.

There is no cure for flat foot in an advanced stage because the bones have changed in shape and nothing will ever alter that, but a considerable amount of relief can be obtained by wearing a soft spongy inner sole to the shoe.

In the early stages flat feet will usually yield to exercise, helped by the building-up of the shoe on its inner edge so as to throw the weight of the body on to the outer

ALTHOUGH we are having a cold weather these days, it won't be long before the children will be throwing off their heavy clothes and demanding something lighter. Why not start preparing now.

Now that the sales are on, you will find plenty of remnants from which the practical designs illustrated can be made.

Look at these happy youngsters—they play freely and easily as their clothes don't worry them.

Twelve-year-old Tommy daughters will choose shorts as No. 1174. These are more feminine this year, with pleats back and front to give a skirt-like appearance.

Grey flannel or light coloured linens are used with orange, bright green, or scarlet blouses.

Little Tommy in his short-sleeved shirt and dark blue linen knickers, No. 1175, is getting down to business. Holding Tommy's hand is Mary in a practical cotton frock, No. 1176, with useful buttoned bodice and knickers to match.

"Isn't the show great?" says eight-year-old Sue. She wears an easy-to-make frock, No. 1177, belted at waist and with contrast collar and binding on puff sleeves.

Baby can't spoil this romper, No. 1178, and can tumble about in the sand to her heart's content. She will be well pleased if you decorate it with a small duck or woolly lamb.

Recipe

ORANGE AND BANANA TART

MASH three bananas with a little caster sugar. Add a cupful of orange juice, the juice of half a lemon, and sufficient fine sponge cake crumbs to form a cream. Line a tart plate with short crust pastry, and bake with the inside weighted with rice so that it does not rise. When the pastry is cold, fill with the orange mixture, make a circle of very thin orange slices all round the edge, and sprinkle chopped blanched almonds over the centre.

Are your feet

SPOIL-SPORTS?

By a Physician

side of the foot. Particularly in hot weather those who suffer from perspiring feet have an uncomfortable time. Blisters form readily if care is not taken, the feet tend to swell and the shoes to pinch.

Strict attention to hygiene is essential, and if the condition cannot be entirely cured at least its worst features may be lessened. In these cases the feet should be washed in cold water containing a little washing soda every morning and evening.

After a thorough drying, dust the feet all over with a powder of starch, zinc and boric acid. Keep the nails clean and short. A change of socks or stockings is essential every day.

Useful To Know

A GOOD way of freshening up a velvet frock or coat is to suspend it over the bath in an improvised line then run the hot water into the bath. Let the dress hang for a while in the steam. This is better than going over the dress with steam from a kettle.

A glove hint from America is to put all new kid or leather gloves between the folds of a damp towel for an hour or so before they are worn for the first time. Then they will not be likely to split when put on.

Tinted Timepieces

COLOUR schemes are being in-mother-of-pearl dial and gold hands. Introduced into the newest Another novel dress watch fits into watches. Dials are tinted in softest a case which is a minute replica of pastel shades and brightly coloured a cigarette case in four shades of hands and figures provide a clever gold.

The face of a watch may be cop-made of stainless steel in the form per-rose, dove grey or amber yellow, of a ship's wheel. Brightly polished The hands may be midnight blue, stainless steel is sometimes combined cardinal red or emerald green. The with dull gold to make an attractive wrist band may match either the wrist or pocket watch. A different dial or the figures. Black dials are effect is obtained with unpollished also very fashionable with white, stainless steel and dull gold.

There are some very small novel Mother-of-pearl, so much in vogue watches set in gold propelling pen-fifty or sixty years ago, is being cils, in the owner's key, or in the used again for watch dials. A man's centre of a brooch shaped like a dress watch in black onyx has a golden rose.

Hat and Muff Set of Fur

New York.

Buying clothes is always a thrilling adventure, but is even more so this season. If you are a good budget-stretcher you will enjoy the idea of owning a half dozen hats. That's the general idea—a hat for every costume and for every occasion and, what's more, a muff to match some of them.

The new muffs are either of fur or of corded or shirred velvet. Evening muffs made of other fabrics while those bridesmaids carry are often of flowers.

MUFFS ARE PRETTY

Muffs are also happy combinations of fur and the same cloth as in the coat. Most of them are good looking if a bit spectacular in size and shape, it being the large muff as well as the large bag that is the present vogue.

The winter coat problem is probably behind you, but if it isn't and you are looking for just what you want, it's encouraging to report that while some coats are literally buried under fur, there are also very trim and stylish ones without. There has been a good deal of talk in fashion columns about coloured coats but they are not any too easy to find.

Among the many fashion shows New Yorkers attended have been some confined to furs alone, and, as one might expect, the luxury angle was played up. At one fox dominated, at another ermine, but as one gets around one sees that smart women are wearing sable, mink and baum marten scarfs made of three to five skins and adjusted at will. Fur hats or hats partially of fur are very much in vogue, but since hats seem to get smaller and smaller, one needn't worry very much about the amount of fur it takes to make one.

Paris.

Margy Rouff's midseason collection contains many suits. Blouses in satin or lingerie type accompany all suits. Newest silhouette suggests a bustle outline through panel of gathered fullness at back of skirt. Gay colour names feature

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Warplanes Sold By Fraud

ISTANBUL, Jan. 8.
The alleged purchase of 50 American and Canadian warplanes on the Turkish Government's account through forged signatures, and their sale to the Loyalist Government in Spain, appears in the newspapers to-day.
An official of the Turkish Foreign Ministry is stated to be under arrest at Ankara, and that another Turk has been detained in France.—Reuter.

R.A.F. Mission For Australia

London, Jan. 8.
It is announced that, on the invitation of the Australian Government, a mission from the United Kingdom will visit Australia in the near future for the purpose of examining in consultation with representatives of the Australian Government, the possibility of the creation of the further capacity for the production of aircraft in the Commonwealth, and to prepare a scheme for the consideration of both governments.
The mission will consist of Sir Hardman Lever, who was a member of the recent mission to Canada, Colonel Sir Donald Banks, and Air Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore.
The mission will be assisted by experts, and will proceed to Australia shortly.

It is learned that the object of the mission is to establish a scheme similar to the Canadian plan. However, it is pointed out that the construction of aircraft, in Canada is purely for the supply of aircraft to Great Britain, whereas the Australian scheme will be purely for supplying planes for the Australian air force.—Reuter.

New German Warship Goes Into Service

Wilhelmshaven, Jan. 8.
The 26,000-ton battleship, *Scharnhorst* was officially put into service to-day.
The *Scharnhorst*, launched on October 3, 1936, is the first German battleship to be built since the war. It carries nine 11-inch guns and four planes.
Numerous representatives of the State, Nazi Party, and defence forces took part in to-day's ceremony.—Reuter.

Daladier Returns To Paris

Paris, Jan. 8.
The French Premier, M. Edouard Daladier, arrived here to-day from his African tour.
He visited M. Albert Lebrun, the French President, to report to him on his visit, and, according to an official communiqué, the President expressed to M. Daladier, the gratitude of the French Republic for his services in its interests.—Trans-Ocean.

Duke As Actor In Amateur Film

London.
The Duke of Connaught is to take part in a film with boys of the Royal Albert Orphanage, Camberley. The film, which will show the work of the orphanage, is being made by members of the Windlesham Camera Club, of which the Duke is patron. The Duke has been President of the orphanage for more than 30 years.

REFUGEE PROBLEM American Ambassador And Mussolini

Washington, Jan. 7.
In answer to a question on the subject the Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. Sumner Welles, made a statement concerning the conversation that the American Ambassador, Mr. William Phillips, had with Mussolini in Rome last week.
Mr. Sumner Welles confirmed the report that the conversation concerned the problem of emigration of Jews from Germany, but refused to furnish any further particulars.
Mr. Welles emphasised, however, that Mussolini had shown a "conciliatory attitude."
In well-informed circles it is declared that the American Ambassador, submitted to Mussolini further details of the plan for settlement of Jewish refugees in Abyssinia, and intimated that the United States would be prepared to assist in financing this project.—Trans-Ocean.

Co-ordinating Committee

London, Jan. 7.
The Co-ordinating Committee for Refugees, set up five years ago, which now has Lord Hailey as its Chairman, is making arrangements for grouping of various refugee organisations to whose varied efforts it seeks to give a unified direction in one office building in Central London.
Among Lord Hailey's assistants is Sir Henry Bunbury, former Controller and Accountant General to the Post Office.—British Wireless.

Australian Plan

Canberra, Jan. 7.
Australia is making preparations to protect herself against an influx of undesirable emigrants from Europe, according to a statement made to-day by Mr. John McEwen, Home Minister of Australia.

A net of migration offices is to be opened in co-operation with welfare associations for fugitives. All emigrants wishing to receive permission to settle in Australia are to undergo in these offices an examination by trained Australian immigration officers as to their suitability as Australian settlers.
Australia thus hopes to keep out those who would fail to become useful citizens.—Trans-Ocean.

COMBINED SERVICE Local Anglican And Methodist Churches

A picturesque procession headed by the St. John's Cathedral and St. Andrew's and Christ Church choirs, with their congregations, left Statue Square at 8 p.m. yesterday for the Cathedral, where a combined service was held by the Anglican and Methodist Churches of Hongkong and Kowloon.

Yesterday's "Combined Service of Witness" was presided over by the Bishop, the Right Rev. R. O. Hall, and is the culmination of a week of prayer which commenced on Monday, January 2, when the Cathedral was open for Private Prayer and Meditation for half an hour before and after each service.

Among the clergy taking part in the procession were the Reverends J. R. Higgs, A. Rose, H. D. Rosenthal, J. C. L. Wong, F. Short, MacKenzie Dow, J. E. Sandbach, and Eric Moreton.

CAR RUNS OFF ROAD Occupants Have a Narrow Escape from Death

Lee Shu-fong, assistant manager of the Wing On Bank, his wife and two children, were involved in a traffic accident yesterday and narrowly escaped death or serious injury.
Lee was driving to Kowloon from Pingshan when the steering gears of the car went out of control near the 17½ milestone, resulting in the car going over an embankment, 20 ft. high.
None of the occupants of the car was seriously injured.

Another Mishap
A car collided with a tree in Robinson Road on Saturday when the driver swerved to avoid knocking down a boy. No one was injured.

Prince Paul In Rumania

BUCHAREST, Jan. 8.
PRINCE PAUL of Yugoslavia arrived at Transylvania to-day on a visit to King Carol, who is with a shooting party there.
Foreign diplomats expressed the belief that King Carol and Prince Paul are eager to exchange views on matters relating to the coming visit of Count Ciano to Belgrade.
It is believed Italy will seek to be the referee or peacemaker between her friends—Hungary on the one hand, and Yugoslavia and Rumania on the other hand at the expense of Germany.—Reuter.

Grover Brings Wife Home

LONDON, Jan. 8.
Brian Grover and his wife arrived in London to-day, completing their journey from Moscow.

Grover's former employer stated to-day that his job had been kept for him.—Reuter.
Grover is the Prince Charming of fairyland come to life. Recently he flew to Moscow without a passport or visa, after these had been denied him by the Russian authorities in London, in an attempt to free his Russian-born wife, whom he had not seen for four years, and whom, he understood, was in prison.

When he was indicted before a Russian court for entering the country without a passport, he made an impassioned appeal, vowing that his adventure was motivated by nothing but love for his wife. As a result he was freed, his wife allowed to renounce her Russian citizenship and released from prison, and the two permitted to leave the country to return to England. This they did during the week-end, travelling via Warsaw.

Swiss Air Liner Crash: 5 Die

Paris, Jan. 8.
Five persons were killed and 12 injured when a Swiss air liner crashed near Sullis to-day.
Among the injured was Captain J. K. Mathew, who had recently been serving in Palestine.—Reuter.

MEXICAN PAYMENT Britain Receives Sum For Oil

Mexico City, Jan. 8.
The Mexican Foreign Minister to-day handed to the Danish Minister here, who is acting on behalf of the British Legation, a cheque for £15,000, compensation in respect of British oil interests expropriated during the revolutionary period in Mexico, representing an annual instalment due under the Joint Claims Commission award.
Mexico is thus up to date with regard to her obligations, at present. Cheques were, also handed to the French and Italian representatives in settlement of the Mexican Government's indebtedness for the current quarter.—Reuter.

Insurance Fund Rolls Up

San Francisco.
California's system of requiring employers to put money into a State fund to insure their workers against injury or death in the course of their duty is rapidly developing into "big business." There is already \$17,000,000 in the fund and the State Compensation Fund this year declared a dividend of \$3,500,000.

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VON RATH MURDER Victim's Father As Paris Witness

Paris, Jan. 7.
The father of the German Legation Counsellor, Herr Ernst von Rath, assassinated in Paris, former Counsellor von Rath, who was admitted as plaintiff, was questioned to-day for two hours at the Paris Palace of Justice by the French examining magistrate. He was accompanied by his son, Guenther von Rath.

Replying to a question of the magistrate, the father of the murdered diplomat declared, "With respect to a certain press campaign and in order to restore the truth, I wish to emphasize that my son was a follower of the Nazi movement. He has been a party member since 1932. He was in full agreement with his Government and with the cause of the Nazi, and I fully consented to his opinions, especially where politics were concerned."
"It is painful for me to read in certain papers that I have had trouble with my government and even an altercation with the Fuehrer on the occasion of the funeral. I am ready to place myself at your disposal to declare that these reports are all lies. One has even spread the rumour that I have been sent to a concentration camp."

"I may suppose that my presence here in this room, together with my second son, Guenther, sufficiently disproves this new lie. Moreover, I am ready to place myself at your disposal, whatever you think it useful to summon me for."

After the hearings the magistrate expressed his deepest sympathy to the father of the murdered young diplomat.—Trans-Ocean.

BRITISH NAVY Cruiser Liverpool Commissioned

London, Jan. 8.
"Another Emden would not last so long now," declared Captain A. D. Read, commander of the new cruiser Liverpool, which is shortly leaving for the Far East and is at present paying a courtesy visit to Liverpool.
Capt. Read was replying to presentations of silver plates, all in enamel and Union Jack, made on behalf of the Liverpool people.
He said that it would be their duty to protect ships and trade in war time. The cruiser was a long way ahead of any ship employed on similar duty during the last war.
The plate was presented by the Lord Mayor of Liverpool, and the ensign and Union Jack by the Countess of Sefton.—Reuter.

JAPANESE BUILDING Half a Million Tons Now Under Construction

Tokyo, Jan. 8.
Japanese shipping companies are building 84 vessels, aggregating 521,740 tons, which will be launched and completed within the year.

A further 15 vessels, aggregating 114,190 tons will take the water next year, while the 1941 will see more than 100 vessels, aggregating 72,500 tons, put into commission.

Noteworthy amongst those under construction are the three new ships which the Nippon Yusen Kaisha is now building in the Mitsubishi dockyard at Nagasaki. These 18,500-tonners, the Nitta Maru, Yawata Maru and Kasuga Maru, will take the water next June. Developing a speed of 21 knots, they will be placed on the European run.

The Argentina Maru and Brazil Maru, under construction for the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, will be launched in June and put on the South American line, each being of 13,000 tons, with a speed of 20 knots.
Another new passenger boat for the Nippon Yusen Kaisha will be completed in 1941 and commissioned on the San Francisco line. She will be of 27,700 tons, with a speed of 24 knots.—Domet.

CANADIAN VISIT Council of State To Be Set Up

London, Jan. 7.
During the absence of the King from England while touring Canada and the United States in the Spring, his place as ruler of the country will be taken by a specially appointed Council of State.

According to the law enacted in 1937 this Council of State will consist of the nearest relative of the absent ruler, including wife or husband, respectively.

Since Queen Elizabeth accompanies King George, and the children of the Duke of Kent and of Princess Mary are minors, the State Council in this case is to be made up by the Duke of Kent and Gloucester, Princess Mary (Countess Harewood) and Princess Arthur of Connaught.

Prior to enactment of the 1937 Regency Law an absent King of England was represented by the Prime Minister, the Lord Chancellor and the Archbishop of Canterbury.
This was changed because the political equality of rights accorded to the Dominions disallowed a Minister of the home country to exercise Royal functions over the Dominions.—Trans-Ocean.

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HUNGARY PRESENTS ULTIMATUM

BORDER TENSION GROWS AS NEW CLASH REPORTED

PRAGUE, Jan. 8.
IT IS STATED THAT AN ULTIMATUM HAS BEEN PRESENTED BY THE HUNGARIANS TO THE CARPATHO-UKRAINIAN GOVERNMENT.

The ultimatum demands that the Basilej monastery, which is situated in Carpatho-Ukrainian territory, be turned over to Hungary, and threatens, in the event of refusal, to resort to force.

The time limit of the ultimatum expired to-night.—*Trans-Ocean.*

HUNGARIANS FIRE ON FLAG OF TRUCE

PRAGUE, Jan. 8.

A NEW SHOOTING incident of a serious nature occurred to-day near Ungvar, when, according to a semi-official Ukrainian report, Hungarian irregulars crossed the frontier this morning near the village of Douhe, and attacked Czecho-Slovak frontier guards.

Following 30 minutes of fighting, during which time numerous shots were fired, the Hungarians withdrew from Czecho-Slovak territory.

The Czecho-Slovak liaison officer, Lieut. Novotny, and Corporal Franz Hacha, then approached the scene of the incident, bearing white armlets, and carrying a white flag, to establish contact with Hungarian officers, and to ascertain the reason for the clash.

As they appeared in the village street at Douhe, they were fired upon by the Hungarians, Corporal Hacha receiving serious wounds in the chest, and Lieut. Novotny having his coat pierced by a bullet.

BRITISH PRESSURE ON JAPAN

America May Join With London

LONDON, Jan. 9.

THE SITUATION in the Far East will be among questions discussed when the British Ministers meet to-day on the eve of Mr. Neville Chamberlain's departure to Rome, states the diplomatic correspondent of the "Daily Mail."

He adds: "For some days the Government has had under consideration the question of bringing pressure to bear on Japan to compel her to respect British interests by maintaining the 'Open Door' in China."

"Various suggested forms of pressure on Japan have been examined and the recommendations before the Ministers are likely to include increased duties on Japanese goods and discrimination in favour of China."

"The United States Government is also examining the situation and it is understood to be in favour of taking steps to support China's currency. This might prove disastrous to Japan."—*Reuter.*

Mass Migration Of Japanese Brides

Tokyo, Jan. 9.

About 10,000 brides will be sent to Manchuria during the course of this year, according to the plans jointly mapped out by the Ministries of Overseas Affairs, Agriculture and Forestry and Education.

Schools for training brides of Continental immigrants will be opened at various places throughout the country this year.

Girls enrolled in these schools will receive special training in farmers' skills and farming schools before they proceed to the Continent to find their "Knights of the Continent."—*Domest.*

Bush Fire Threat To Victoria Towns

Melbourne, Jan. 8.

Fierce bush fires, caused by the heat wave in which the State of Victoria is sweltering, are threatening the destruction of the mining towns of Erica and Waltham.

Both places are surrounded by flames.

A rail tractor was sent beyond Erica, but it has not yet returned, and fears are expressed for its safety.

Bush fires have already destroyed many houses and valuable stocks of timber, and the fate of many residents is not known.

Melbourne is experiencing its worst drought for 25 years, and the hottest weather for 25 years.

The thermometer to-day soared over 100 degrees, and in other parts of the State readings varied between 100 and 110 degrees.

Forty-four houses, valued at £40,000 were destroyed by bush fires at Dromons, a seaside resort 40 miles from Melbourne. Holiday-makers, occupying the houses, fled to the beach, and watched them burn.—*Reuter.*

HIVE OF ANGRY BEES

Unpopular Thief at Wanchai Sin.

EXHIBIT NO. 1 in a charge against a 32-year-old unemployed man named Wong So, this morning, was a hive of angry bees!

The bees were recovered by the police when Wong tried to sell them to the Yu Kee Apiary at Jardine's Lookout.

The zealous detective who brought the defendant—and the bees—to the Wanchai Police Station last night did not prove popular with other police officers.

The charge was noted in record time and, while Wong went to his cell to ruminate on the injustice of civilisation in general, the annoyed and disturbed exhibits loudly buzzed off after their hive as it was gingerly but hastily returned to its owner.

The place where Wong will spend the next four months is not the place where Wanchai police officials wished him to last night. He was sentenced by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest this morning, after Inspector A. V. Baker had told the Court the story of the little bees.

WHEN IS A WIFE NOT A WIFE?

AN ISSUE STATED to be of the most profound importance to wives of Chinese in this Colony was argued before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, and Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell, Puisne Judge, in the Full Court this morning, during the hearing of an appeal involving a well known Interport football player.

The appeal was brought by Yeung Leung Sau-ying on a stated case against the decision of Mr. H. R. Butters, then Magistrate, in dismissing a summons against her husband, Yeung Shui-yick, for persistent cruelty and maintenance.

Mr. H. W. Lee, instructed by Mr. A. S. K. Lau, appeared for appellant. Yeung Shui-yick was not present in Court nor was he legally represented.

The appeal arose out of a summons taken out by the appellant under section 3 of the Maintenance and Separation Orders Ordinance, 1935, against her husband for persistent cruelty and maintenance.

During the hearing of the summons, it was proved that the parties were married in Hongkong. The usual form of Chinese marriage contract had been drawn up and signed.

The form of marriage was in accordance with the existing laws of China, and expert evidence was tendered which said Mr. Lee, put this point beyond any doubt. Further, the respondent himself had admitted that the appellant was his kit-fat wife.

At the conclusion of the case, the Magistrate dismissed the summons holding that the appellant was not the wife of respondent within the meaning of the Ordinance. It was upon this point of law that the opinion of the Court was sought.

"The point involved," said Mr. Lee, "is of the most profound importance to wives of Chinese in this Colony, as the form of marriage, which the Magistrate ruled to be outside the scope of the Ordinance, is not only universally adopted by Chinese in Hongkong but also in China Proper."

"The Magistrate was of the opinion that the meaning of a kit-fat or tin-fong wife married to a Chinese in accordance with the laws or customs of China must be sought in the words 'the first wife (kit-fat) or second wife (tin-fong) of any Chinese man married to him in accordance with the laws or customs of China used in part materia in the Married Women Desertion Ordinance, 1905 (enacted by Section 3 of the Separation and Maintenance Orders Ordinance, 1935) and which applied only to the old form of Chinese marriage and which cannot be applied to the form introduced since the beginning of the Republic."

"The Magistrate appeared to hold that certain words used in the 1935 Ordinance must be interpreted in conjunction with the 1905 Ordinance, and that the form of marriage referred to had not existed in 1905 then, as far as he was concerned, it could not have existed in 1935."

"If this is the true meaning of the Ordinance, then I fear a very great number of wives would be deprived of the benefits of this Ordinance."

"With great respect to the Magistrate, this seems a most extraordinary way of not giving effect to the intention of the legislature."

"The relevant section refers to kit-fat or tin-fong wives of any Chinese married to him in accordance with the laws or customs of China. The intention of the legislature is clear and I submit this is simply a case of literal construction of the section which admits of but one meaning." (Continued on Page 4.)



YEUNG SHUI-YICK.

Tom Mooney's Release

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 8.

The dramatic release of Tom Mooney on Saturday, after he had spent 21 years in prison, was climaxed when Governor Olson, who granted the pardon, collapsed a few hours afterwards from emotion and excitement.

The Governor collapsed as he was addressing a huge throng of 130,000, including hundreds of Mooney's friends and supporters, who had been invited to participate in the Governor's inaugural picnic and barbecue.

Governor Olson was taken to hospital, where physicians said that his condition was not serious, but that the day's ordeal had exhausted him.

While making his speech, Governor Olson's voice wavered. Friends nearby rushed forward to prevent him from collapsing.

In the meantime his son, Richard, took the microphone and explained to the crowd what had happened.

Mooney went to Folsom prison to-day and met Warren Billings, who was imprisoned with him for the same offense 21 years ago. Afterwards Mooney said that he would soon make an application for a pardon probe on behalf of Billings.—*United Press.*

"Innocent—and 21 years in Prison"—Page 6.]

CHESS PLAYER ROBBED

While playing chess in Queen's Road Central city yesterday, Chiu Shu-kee, of 87 Kai Yan Road, Kowloon City, had a sum of \$100 snatched from his hand by some unknown person, who ran away.

JAPANESE HELD UP THROUGHOUT CHINA

CHUNGKING, Jan. 9.

ONE OF THE MOST astonishing stalemates in the history of warfare has descended on China.

Except for isolated and sporadic sorties, the Japanese appear to have entirely abandoned the offensive.

Daladier As 'Strong Man' Of France

PARIS, Jan. 8.

M. DALADIER appeared to have clinched the right to the title of "France's Man of the Hour" to-day.

Crowds of Parisians lined the streets around the Gare de Lyons to cheer him upon his return from a triumphant tour. The vice-premier expressed the Cabinet's feeling in a resounding speech.

The warm reception ended the trip on a note in keeping with M. Daladier's welcome everywhere he went in Tunis and Algeria.

It can be expected that appreciation for the demonstration of unity in the French Empire which was provided by his trip will be registered on Tuesday in a communiqué of the first Cabinet meeting to be held following his return.

Meanwhile the press generally is not sparing in praise, and a general round-up of comment on his activity is headed by the Paris "Midy," which says that "Daladier is the rising man."

The Premier wasted little time with the reception, however, and after a brief press statement to the effect that he was happy to note the attachment of the North African natives to France, he hurried to the War Ministry to take over desk jobs.

They were two-fold. Firstly, preparation of his report to the Cabinet, and secondly, preparations for the brief but highly important interview with Mr. Chamberlain and Viscount Halifax on Tuesday when they take tea at the Quai d'Orsay.—*United Press.*

ARABS INDIGNANT

Beirut, Jan. 8.

By way of protest against French policy in Syria, all shops in Damascus closed to-day, and numerous strikes were announced in other towns.

The indignation of the Arabs was aroused originally by the declaration made recently by the new French High Commissioner for Syria and Lebanon.

Replying to the High Commissioner, the Syrian Minister for the Interior, Sandallah Djabri, declared in a speech to-day: "Syria will resist with all means at her disposal, of being made a part of French imperialism. Syria has expressed a desire for freedom, and is willing to be friendly with France only on terms of independence."

Anti-French demonstrations occurred in other parts of the country, according to reports arriving here to-night. Students in Aleppo joined in a demonstration and protest meeting held in the mosque at noon. Demonstrations are also said to have occurred in Homs and Hama.—*Trans-Ocean.*

CAMERA STOLEN

Mr. J. S. Smith, of A Block, Waterloo Road, has reported the theft of a camera, valued at \$50, from his motor car, parked outside 99 Waterloo Road, Kowloon Tong, yesterday.

NEW ARMY UNIFORMS

Unhappy Scot Discards His Kilts

AFTER BEING in cold storage for some months, the new Army uniforms which were displayed to a critical public in the United Kingdom two years ago, have now made a modest debut in Hongkong.

The sight of a Royal Scot blushing in a most un-Scottish looking suit of clothes was the first intimation that the China Command had obeyed the orders from Home to experiment on the local troops. A Signalman is also reported to have been seen in a startling get-up which is described as another variation on the same theme.

Headquarters were reluctant on the subject and shied at the suggestion of a photographer.

Though loyal to the wishes of the superior beings at the War Office, it is becoming apparent that the new sartorial fashions are not going over in a big way with the China Command. They are considered too thick for the tropics for one thing and besides, Tommy has become conservatively rooted in his ancient accoutrements.

However, the official verdict on the experiment has not been given, and trials will be necessary over an extended period.

SPAIN'S PEACE TERMS GIVEN TO PREMIER

Chamberlain May Mediate In Rome

LONDON, Jan. 8.

THE "UNITED PRESS" has obtained the following exclusive information from authoritative political quarters in London.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, when he goes to Rome on Tuesday, will take with him a message from the Loyalist Spanish Government to use, if he sees fit, in influencing Italy's future attitude in the Spanish conflict.

The message contains two assurances:

Firstly, in the event of a Loyalist victory, Spain would not become a Communist State, but would remain a Liberal and Parliamentary democracy.

Secondly, repudiation of an anti-Italian policy.

Despite the Spanish people's resentment of Italian intervention, the Loyalist Government is willing to become one of the partners with Italy and the Mediterranean Powers.

HANDED IN BEFORE PRESENT OFFENSIVE

The assurances were given to the British Government before General Franco made any noteworthy advance in the present offensive against

LATEST

Prisoner Of War Escapes

It is revealed that a Chinese prisoner of war, escaped from the Mactaueh Camp at Kowloon City on Christmas Eve and has not been recaptured.

The Kuman Rifles, who were on guard duty when at that time equipped only with shot guns and a sentry fired one of these at the escaping man. The sentry believes he hit the man but the shot had little effect since it contained only a few small pellets. It was after this incident that the guards were given rifles.

During the past two weeks, the prisoners have evinced restlessness at their continued internment.

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Catalonia, and therefore they are not as a result of military pressure, or fear of a Loyalist collapse, but are based on the Loyalist assumption that the offensive would ultimately be checked, without any decisive state being reached.

Consequently it is expected that Mr. Chamberlain will use the assurances in his conversations with Signor Mussolini only if the Loyalists stop General Franco's offensive in such a way as to indicate that they are still capable of prolonged resistance.—*United Press.*

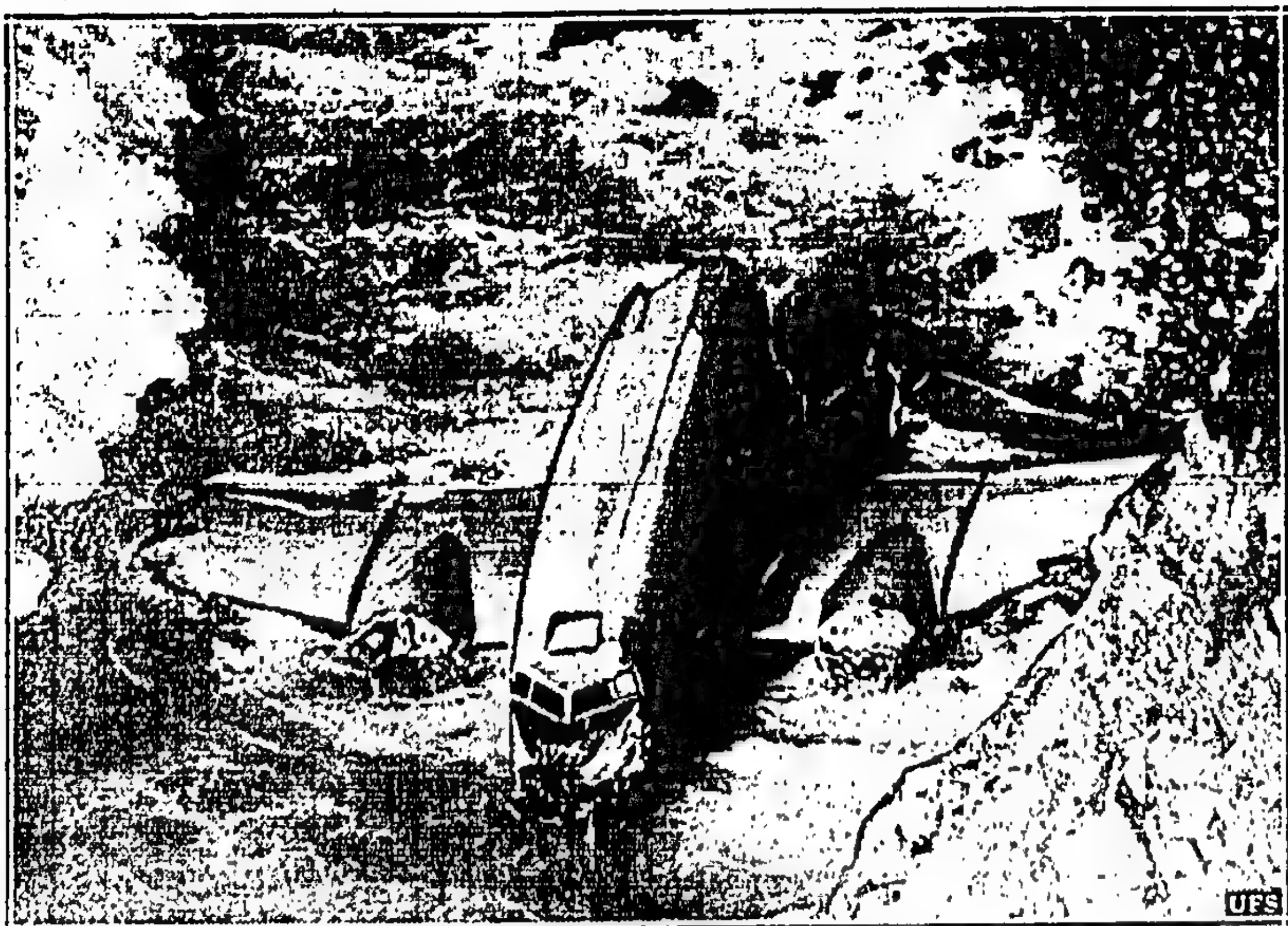
FRANCE UNINTERESTED

Paris, Jan. 8.

That the visit of Mr. Chamberlain and Viscount Halifax is a friendly gesture emanating from the British side, and that it bears no connection whatever with mediation in Rome, was emphasised to-day in political circles, anxious to dispel the rumour that there is a possibility of the Prime Minister arranging a settlement with Signor Mussolini.

It was declared that in view of the present tension prevailing between

Airliner Crashes



Here is the wreck of the luxurious United Air Lines transport plane being battered by the surf at the foot of a cliff near San Francisco. Pilot Charles Stead and Isadore R. Edelstein, a passenger, were rescued but five others perished in the surf. A maze of radio signals, which confused the pilot, was blamed.

BITTER FIGHTING ON TWO WAR FRONTS

SARAGOSSA Jan. 8.

THE INSURGENT OFFENSIVE in Catalonia was carried forward on Saturday, according to the testimony of war correspondents with the Insurgent troops.

In the northern sector, the Insurgents attacked a few miles south of Artesa de Segre, which is situated to the south-east of Balaguer, and captured several strategically important positions in the valley of the river Sio.

At the same time, the southern army corps, marching along the road from Lerida to Borjas Blancas and Tarragona, pushed forward to within ten miles of Mont Blanch, thus crossing, for the first time, the border of the Tarragona province.

While this army was passing Sierra de Montant from the north, the Insurgent Ebro army, on Saturday, again entered into action for the first time since the opening of the Catalan offensive.

DEFENCES COLLAPSE

A San Sebastian message says that as was to be expected from the development of the insurgent offensive, the simultaneous advance in the north and south has led to a collapse of the Loyalist defences in the centre between Lerida and Balaguer.

From the bridge-head at Balaguer, the Insurgents on Saturday advanced in the district of the Segre Canal, captured the villages of Bellcaire, Bellmunt, Buisent and Ventoses, and by dint of frontal and flanking pressure, compelled the Loyalists to retreat.

Meanwhile an attack on the road junction at Anagnut proceeding simultaneously from the west and north-west, and the Insurgents are now only a few miles from that town.

A strong concentration of Loyalist troops in the centre manifestly only served the purpose of enabling the defence lines to withdraw on the base at Tarragona-Cervera. At the same time, however, the Loyalists caused considerable damage in all of the evacuated villages, whose inhabitants they took with them in the retreat.

LOYALIST COUNTER-CLAIMS

According to a Barcelona message, the Defence Ministry issued the following war bulletin on Saturday night: Estremadura Front. Loyalist troops continued their victorious advance on Saturday. After crossing the river Zujar, they occupied the village of Perleda de Zauco, and continued their march in the direction of Monterubio de la Serena.

On the right bank of the river, the Loyalists captured the village of Cuenca, the heights of Grana Lema de Naderulla, as well as the Height 086, Sierra Melano, and several of the neighbouring heights together with the village of Fuente Vegueta.

The advance continued. The Loyalists repulsed several enemy counter-attacks.

Territory conquered by the Loyalists within the last three days has extended over 600 kilometres. Much war material, as well as numerous prisoners fell into their hands.

On the Eastern front, in the section of Cubella, the Loyalists offered heroic resistance to Insurgent attacks. The heights of Masbell were three times occupied by the Insurgents, but they were finally repulsed.

In the sectors of Viniuxa and Vilosell, severe fighting is in progress. Loyalist troops are offering stubborn resistance, and the Insurgents have suffered heavy losses.

PREMIER'S MESSAGE

A Paris communication says that the Spanish Loyalist Premier, Dr. Negruin, issued a proclamation on Saturday to the Loyalist Army, in which he said: "I expect from all, effective co-operation for the defence of our soil, as has hitherto been the case, and I am certain that the enthusiasm and spirit of sacrifice of our troops will render a rapid victory possible. At the present moment of severe trial, the heroism with which our army is holding up the enemy on the Eastern front and on the Ebro is an example and encouragement for all those behind the front. Our eyes are fixed on the future of our country, and we shall gain the victory which we deserve."—Trans-Ocean.

3RD WEEK OF OFFENSIVE

Saragossa, Jan. 8. General Franco's major offensive against Catalonia, now in its third week, has broken the Loyalist resistance in the plains of Urgel, it is claimed.

The difficulties ahead in the campaign, especially in the northern sector, have not been miscounted, but it is noteworthy that General Yague's Moroccan army corps is the pivot of the offensive, flung across the Ebro at Mora, and has established contact with the Navarrese legions.

Headquarters claim the conquest of at least 1,200 square miles and the capture of 30,000 prisoners since the start of the drive.

LOYALIST CLAIMS

On the other hand, according to a Barcelona communication, the Loyalists in the three days of their surprise offensive on the Estremadura front have driven a broad salient to the west, 25 miles from their original positions.

North of Fuentes Venjuna they have cleared a wide loop to the river Zujar, and have captured the road junction at Perleda and Zauco, in the Badajoz province, only about

THE GREAT CHINA TRADE ISSUE

London.

IF the British Government is to be moved at all over China it will be over the trade issue. This alone can shake it out of its rather easy going attitude.

The Home papers are devoting more and more attention to the issue. The "Daily Herald" recently published the following:—

Economic reprisals against Japan for her freezing out of foreign trade interests from China are being seriously considered in London and Washington.

Reports from the Ambassadors of the two countries in China have indicated for some time that Japan is deliberately destroying all foreign trade competition.

SHIPS BARRED

Foreign shipping, for example, has been barred from using the Yangtze. The Japanese say this is due to the danger of mines and nearby military operations, but Japanese ships have been plying a thriving trade.

It was announced that a Japanese sponsored "monopoly" company has been established in Shanghai to control the Yangtze shipping, and will start work in the New Year.

This is only one of countless ways in which foreign interests, British and American, in particular, are being ousted from the China market.

EXPERTS AT WORK

For some time experts of the United States Department of Commerce and the Board of Trade here have been studying what retaliatory steps could be taken.

Their investigations are now so far advanced that Mr. Joseph Kennedy, the United States Ambassador here, has gone to Washington and the United States Ambassador in China has been recalled for consultation.

Significantly, too, Sir Ronald Lindsay, British Ambassador in Washington, has arrived in London "on holiday."

One step envisaged in American circles is to deprive Japan of her benefits under the most-favoured-nation clause. Were such a step to be taken, the British Government would almost certainly follow suit.

President Roosevelt also has the power, if discrimination against the importation or sale of American goods is proved, to exclude "any or all articles" from the offending country.

It is doubtful whether such drastic steps are yet contemplated, but the question of increasing duties on Japanese imports is one that has been closely studied.

In this the experts have had the example of the Japanese themselves. At the beginning of this year the puppet Government in Peking introduced a new tariff for imports into North-China under which Japanese goods benefited by from 25 to 75 per cent.

Any action of this nature would be a serious blow to Japan, for the British Empire and the United States are her principal customers, absorbing roughly 50 per cent. of her exports.

But retaliation of this sort is calculated to lead to counter-reprisals, and it is for this reason that the most painstaking study of the question is being made before any decision is reached.

B. M. Meantime the "Daily Telegraph" publishes the appended statement from its own Correspondent:—

Shanghai, Monday. "Great concern is felt here in British shipping circles at a report that a Japanese concern, the Yangtze Shipping Company, has been formed with the object of controlling traffic on the Yangtze under the monopolistic system, introduced by the Japanese into many branches of trade in China."

It is reported that the company was floated on Saturday at a meeting at which 50 Japanese directors were elected and a Chinese com-
 panion—head of the native staff—was appointed.

It is believed that the new company is one of the branches of the newly formed Japanese "Central China Development Company," whose charter includes shipping, communications, waterworks, and power companies, public transport, fisheries and inland transportation.

Two British firms, Jardine Matheson and Co., and Butterfield and Swire, at present represent the largest shipping interests on the Yangtze River and the China coast. In recent months they have suffered considerably from the closing of the Yangtze and coast difficulties. If the Yangtze were to be exploited under a monopolistic system they would lose business on a large scale.

All the other papers roughly agree that joint action is being discussed. This is the "Daily Express."

Britain may hit back at Japan for her trade methods by putting heavier duties on Japanese goods going into British Colonies. This is the feeling under consideration as a result of Japan's action in trying to close the China and Manchuria markets to British and all other foreign trade.

The "News Chronicle" contains the following:—

GROWING JAPANESE MENACE TO TRADE—BY VERNON BARTLETT

"Although by more insidious methods than those adopted by Germany and Italy in Europe, Japan is very actively menacing British interests in the Far East."

Last week the Foreign Minister in Tokyo, summoned the British and United States Ambassadors and emphasised his policy of gradually excluding their competitors from the economic life of the Far East.

There was not, I am assured, that direct threat to denounce the Washington Nine Power Treaty which is reported in some newspapers, and which would doubtless lead to counter measures against Japanese trade in other parts of the world.

The feeling of resentment in London is due rather to the fact that by a policy of granting preferences to Japanese and Manchurian goods and of putting obstacles in the way of British goods, Japan is gaining economic control of China without obvious breaches of treaty—once the very fact of the war has been accepted and condoned by Great Britain.

The British Ambassador's protests, I understand are met with the bland assurance that preferences between the Far Eastern Powers are to the benefit of China. These assurances carry less and less weight with the British Government, and it would not be surprising if difficulties became acute early in the New Year."

The "Manchester Guardian" on Tuesday pointed out that the "Boycott Japan" movement has made considerable progress in Manchester and district in the past few days. Manchester's part in the "Boycott Japan" day on Saturday will be in the form of poster parades in the afternoon and evening. Show-cards are being prepared for use in shops conveying the assurance "We don't sell Japanese goods" and steps will be taken by the new group to let the public know which shows give such an undertaking.



Mystery of the reported marriage of Sir Oswald Mosley, British Fascist chief, and Mrs. Diana Guinness, above, was cleared recently when Mosley announced in London that they were married two years ago and that his wife recently gave birth to a son. She is a sister of Unity Freeman-Mitford, Hitler admirer, recently mobbed in London.

JAPANESE STATION CLOSED IN S'HAJ

Strong British Action Brings Protest

SHANGHAI, Jan. 8.

ACCORDING TO the Japanese press, the British military action in closing the Japanese-sponsored Greater Shanghai Municipality police station in Great Western Road last Thursday is "assuming very serious proportions." Japanese investigations show that the five-barred flag was torn in pieces, mud was thrown at a photograph of Prince Konoze, and a Chinese policeman was beaten.

The newspapers state that an official of the Greater Shanghai Municipal Government was refused permission to interview Major-General Teffer-Smollett in an effort to protest against the British action.

The newspaper "Mainichi" writes: "This British act of vandalism should be answered by decisive steps by Japan. The British resorted to action of the most malignant kind."

British military authorities state that they closed the police station because it was inside the British defence sector.

The authority of the Japanese-sponsored Chinese officials is not recognised in this area.—United Press.

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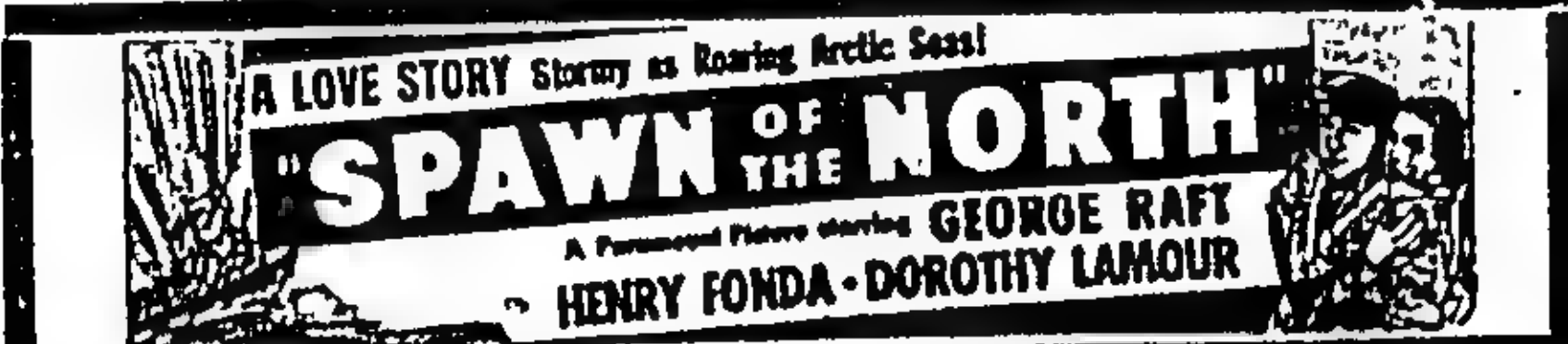
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\$500 Award In Horoscope Libel Case

DAMAGES of \$500 for libel and slander were awarded in the "horoscope" case before Mr. Justice Charles in the King's Bench Division recently.

The case was in favour of Mr. Norman Crook and his wife, Hettie Elizabeth Crook, trading as the Globe Syndicate, and Mr. John Prior Exall, whom they sued. A cross-action by Mr. Mitchell against Mr. Crook and Mr. Exall for damages for alleged conspiracy and slander failed.

Mr. Justice Charles had ruled there was no evidence to go to the jury against Mrs. Alice Emily Bayley, who was joined as defendant in the libel proceedings, and dismissed her from the suit with costs.

The plaintiff complained that the Globe Syndicate having prepared a series of horoscopes, Mr. Mitchell wrote to customers with whom they had left horoscopes suggesting they were a "colourful imitation of his copyright horoscopes."

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H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

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H.K. Banks Lon. 2, 87 n.	
Chartered, 1/4 n.	
Mercantile, A. & B. 27 3/4 n.	
Mercantile, C. 2, 13 n.	
East Asia, 1/80 n.	
INSURANCES	
Canton, 210 n.	
Union, 470 n.	
China Underwriters, 70 n.	
H.K. Fire, 178 n.	
SHIPPING	
Douglas, 64 b.	
Steamboats, 18 n.	
Indo-China, P. 24 n.	
Indo-China, D. 24 n.	
Shell Bunkers, 83 1/2 n.	
Waterboats, 9 n.	
DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves, 116 b.	
Docks (old), 18 1/2 n.	
Docks (new), 17.00 n.	
Providents (old), 6.40 n.	
Providents (new), 6.15 n.	
New Eng. Sh., 5.60 n.	
Shu. Docks, 100 n.	
MINING	
Kailan s/-, 17/6 n.	
Kauba, 9.35 n.	
Venz: Goldfield, 7 1/2 n.	
Hongkong Mines, 52 n.	
Antamok, 33 1/2 n.	
Antamok, 25 1/2 n.	
Benguet Cons. Ps., 14.20 n.	
Coco Grove Ps., 54 n.	
Con. Mines Ps., 20 n.	
Demonstrations Ps., 62 n.	
I.X.L. Ps., 13 n.	
Gumaua Ps., 1.88 n.	
San Maurice Ps., 1.88 n.	
Suway Consol. Ps., 21 n.	
Paracale Ps., 71 n.	
LANDS	
Hotels, 7.15 n.	
Lands, 37 1/4 n.	
Lands 4% deb., 107 1/4 n.	
Shai Lands Sh., 9.40 n.	
Humphreys, 9 1/2 n.	
H.K. Estates, 5.05 n.	
Chinese Estates, 90 n.	
UTILITIES	
Tram, 17.80 n.	
Peak Trams (old), 8 n.	
Peak Trams (new), 4 n.	
Star Ferries, 72 1/2 n.	
Y. Ferries (old), 22 1/2 n.	
Y. Ferries, (new), 22 n.	
China Light (cum. rts.), 9.70 n.	
China Light (Rights), 3.60 n.	
H.K. Electric, 58 n.	
Macao Electric, 17 1/2 n.	
Sandakan Light, 10 n.	
Telephones (old), 24 n.	
Telephone (new), 8.00 n.	
Traction, 21 1/3 n.	
Singapore Pref., s/-, 25 1/2 n.	
INDUSTRIAL	
Cald: Macg. (ord.), Sh. 14 n.	
Cald: Macg. (Pre.), Sh. 13 n.	
Canton Ice, 1.70 n.	
Cements, 16.80 n.	
Ropes, 3.95 n.	
STORES, &c.	
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Watsons, 8.20 n.	
Lane Crawford, 8 n.	

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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Waterworks Ordinance, 1938.
NO. 20 of 1938.

The above Ordinance stipulates that only plumbers licensed by the Water Authority may construct, alter or repair a service connected to the Water Works.

The attention of consumers is directed to the list of licensed plumbers published in the Government Gazette of the 6th January, 1939, and to additions to the above list which may appear from time to time in the Government Gazette.

To avoid contravention of the Ordinance, consumers are requested to employ only licensed plumbers on work to be done to services connected or to be connected to the Water Works.

R. M. HENDERSON,
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Public Works Department,
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Suway, 21 n.	
United Paracale, 71 n.	
The following is Swan, Culbertson & Fritz' report on this morning's market:	

The Manila market was quiet but steady with prices generally the same. However, San Maurice dropped 4 centavos. United Paracale dropped one centavo and Demonstration dropped 1/2 centavo. Atok and Suway were the strong issues, having gained 2 centavos.

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING	
T.T. London, 1s. 2 1/2	
T.T. Shanghai, 172 Nom.	
T.T. Singapore, 53 1/2	
T.T. Japan, 100 1/2	
T.T. India, 63	
T.T. U.S.A., 57 1/2	
T.T. Manila, 57 1/2	
T.T. Batavia, 53 1/2	
T.T. Bangkok, 149 1/2	
T.T. Saigon, 169	
T.T. France, 10.90	
T.T. Germany, 12	
T.T. Switzerland, 12 1/2	
T.T. Australia, 10 1/2	
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4 m/s L/c London, 1/3 1/4	
4 m/s D/p do., 1/3 1/2	
4 m/s L/c U.S.A., 29 1/2	
4 m/s France, 11.40	
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U.S. Cross rate in Lon., 4.67 1/2	

LETTERS

Wang Ching-wei

To the Editor,
Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir,—Certain local paper states that Mr. Wang Ching-wei publishes his message to General Chiang Kai-shek all at a sudden before exchanging views with the General Executive. This is not true. Mr. Wang's letter addressed to the Standing Committee of the C.E.C. of Kuomintang and the National Defence Council, which gives the real fact and may interest you for publication.

P. S. Liu,
Nam Wah Jit Pao.

The following covering letter to the telegram published on December 31, 1938, was despatched by Mr. Wang Ching-wei to the Standing Committee of the Central Executive Council of the Kuomintang and the Supreme National Defence Council on December 28, 1938, and is now released for publication.

"On the 9th of this month (December 9, 1938) I expressed to General Executive Chiang Kai-shek the view that the difficulties now confronting China arise out of the problem of how to sustain the War, that with regard to Japan they arise out of the problem of how to end the war, that both countries realize their own particular difficulties as well as the difficulties of the other and that therefore, peace is not an impossibility. In addition, I said that, on this issue, in so far as foreign relations were concerned, we might expect the assistance of Great Britain, the United States and France, the acquiescence of Soviet Russia, the non-intervention of Germany and Italy and especially the awakening of Japan. And if Japan should come to the realization of the fact that China could not be subjugated by force of arms nor the Far East brought under its absolute hegemony, then peace would eventually come to the relief of all. These views were known to all those comrades who were present at our conversation.

The statement issued by the Japanese Government on December 22 indicated that Japan has come to the proper realization of her position with regard to China. It may be recalled that although the terms proposed by Japan through the intermediary of the German Ambassador, prior to the fall of Nanking in the early part of December last year (1937), were more unfavourable and even less definite, yet General Chiang in view of the general situation, had no hesitation in accepting them as a basis on which to negotiate peace. Subsequently, however, as a result of Japan's own hesitation and change of mind, and the consequent alterations of the proposed terms and the widening of their scope after the fall of Nanking, the matter was left in abeyance. But in view of the present reconsideration of her attitude towards China by Japan, it is natural that we should respond with a statement on which basis we may negotiate with Japan in order to find the proper solution of various questions with a view to re-establishing peace and stabilizing the Far Eastern situation. This opportunity to end the present war must not be allowed to pass again.

The assistance from Great Britain, the United States and France is gradually materializing. Such assistance can only have the effect of putting us in a more favourable position to negotiate peace; it is by no means sufficient to have any effect on the outcome of the war enabling us to secure a decisive victory by military measures. This is well known to everybody and needs no further explanation. With regard to the international situation, it is obvious that without the co-operation of Great Britain, the United States and France, Soviet Russia cannot take any independent action to help China, nor can any large scale, while Germany and Italy will certainly not be reluctant to assist in the re-establishment of peace.

With regard to the internal situation—with the exception of the Communist Party and the minority who like to see China doomed, the National Government, ever since the Kuomintang collapsed, I can see no proper reason why anybody should be opposed to an honourable peace.

It is only after mature deliberation that I venture to make this proposal. I have already expounded my views to General Chiang in another message, and I am now addressing this to you in the hope that my sincerity be given due consideration and my suggestions honoured with your approval.

WHEN IS A WIFE NOT A WIFE?

(Continued from Page 1.)

There is no need for further interpretation by reference to extraneous matters in an Ordinance which has been repealed.

"In the Ordinance not a single word can be found which restricts its application to any particular form of marriage existing at any specific date, nor is there any suggestion which would exclude the form of marriage which existed at the time of the passing of the Bill, indeed, the form of marriage in question is the only one set up by the Civil Code of China.

"In spite of this, however, the Magistrate has attempted to put a restrictive meaning into the Ordinance by his interpretation. "He had tried to bend the words and started with a fallacious assumption.

"This, I contend, is wrong, for it was not the intention of the legislature to restrict the meaning of the word 'wife' or 'married woman'.

"The Ordinance is not for the purpose of regulating the laws of marriage, and the relations of husband and wife must exist.

"The sole question is whether or not the parties were married in accordance with the laws and customs of China, and once this question has been answered in the affirmative then the requirements of the Section are completely satisfied."

Counsel concluded by submitting that the Magistrate was wrong as the parties, having been married in accordance with the laws or customs of China, came within the meaning of the Ordinance.

Allowing the appeal, the Chief Justice referred to the unfortunate proceedings of the respondent, and to the proceedings in the Court below.

It had been established, he said, that there was a new form of marriage since the establishment of the Republic of China, to which recognition had been given by the Civil Code.

The respondent himself had admitted that the appellant was his left wife but the Magistrate dismissed the summons and had stated a case in the course of which he found that the parties were in fact married in 1934 and that, apart from the requirement as to registration with the Government, the marriage was in accordance with the law.

"In spite of these findings, however, the Magistrate came to the conclusion that no relief could be granted because the interpretation of the section under the 1935 Ordinance could not be construed alone but must be construed by reference to the 1905 Ordinance, which had been repealed.

"As Mr. Lee has shown, the wording of the 1935 Ordinance is clear beyond any shadow of doubt and there is no such patent ambiguity that reference to anything outside the four corners of the statute can possibly be misconstrued.

"Another question, though it has not been raised, is that the statutory requirement of registration had not been complied with.

"The reason is not far to seek: there was no machinery for the registration of any such marriage in this Colony. Nevertheless, the Magistrate has held that because there was not such machinery, the only analogy in the Chinese form of ceremony was civil marriage at the Registry.

"This was a palpably mistaken view because it was impossible for the parties to register.

"The Magistrate was wrong in law, but in view of the last paragraph of the stated case, the only order which we could make is that the appeal be allowed and that the case be remitted to the Magistrate for determination with the direction that, inasmuch as the evidence clearly established a valid marriage between the parties, he is, according to the Ordinance, so to do."

The Court also directed that costs for the appeal be paid by the respondent.

Seven Buried By Swiss Avalanche

Grenoble, France, Jan. 8.
Held up all night by intense cold and darkness, a rescue party set out to-day to seek the bodies of seven skiers—five men and two women, who are buried in an avalanche at Gallibier Pass in the Alps.

This is the worst skiing disaster of the season.

The alarm was given yesterday by Maurice Roussellier, a Parisian, and the only survivor of the party, who set out in a caravan of the Parisian Alpine Ski Club.

Silver Plan May Be Abandoned

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.

DECLARING THAT the United States' five-year silver buying policy had failed to obtain its objectives, Messrs. Handy and Harman, noted silver brokers, declare in their annual review of the silver market that "facts and figures" indicate the probability of the ultimate repealing of the Silver Purchase Act of 1934.

"We believe that those interested in silver should take into consideration the likelihood of such action by Congress in the future, and the effect of the market settlement which would be caused by the withdrawal of Government support."

Continuing, the review declares: "The year 1938 indicates clearly the market's complete dependence upon the support of the United States Government."

It estimates that the 1938 world production of silver was 264,000,000 ounces, apportioned as follows: United States, 61,400,000; Mexico, 85,000,000; Canada, 23,300,000; South America, 32,400,000; and all other countries, 65,900,000 ounces.

REDUCED OUTPUT
The total output showed a reduction of 9,000,000 ounces, or about three and a half per cent, from last year's record figures, and of this amount, the United States accounts for the largest proportion.

The review also observes: "China again proved the largest source of supply for demounted silver. Official reports from the Chinese Maritime Customs covering the first 11 months of the year show that over 60,000,000 ounces were exported, of which 5,000,000 ounces were sent direct to England, and nearly 55,000,000 to Hongkong.

In the latter case, silver, plus other coins received prior to 1939 was trippled from Hongkong to England to swell the holdings for the Chinese account already in London; and from these holdings a steady stream of coin flowed into the United States throughout the year. Presumably its ultimate destination was the United States Treasury."

It is estimated that about 216,000,000 ounces of silver were shipped from London, and about 25,000,000 ounces still remain, according to advices from abroad.

Continuing, the review says: "In addition to the foregoing, there were sales in London on the Japanese account, which we also consider to be Chinese. Part of this silver was in the form of bars, refined in Japan, and part in Chinese coin, refined in London. Our estimate of such supplies, in excess of Japanese mine production is 15,200,000 ounces.

HONGKONG SHIPMENTS
"Hongkong shipped about 3,000,000 ounces of refined and unrefined bullion to London, and about 140,000 ounces of coin to San Francisco. These amounts we attribute also to China, making the total supplies from that source 240,300,000 ounces."

The review adds that it is estimated that the total United States acquisitions of silver during 1938 was 410,200,000 ounces, which is the largest recorded, except for 1935, when the figure of 534,000,000 ounces was recorded.

The total for 1939, added to the beginning of the year amounts to 2,575,000,000, which represents the estimates of the Treasury holdings on December 31 last.—United Press.

SPAIN'S PEACE TERMS GIVEN TO PREMIER

(Continued from Page 1.)

tween France and Italy, negotiations of a kind would be inopportune, and that as long as the present Italian press campaign continues, there can be no possibility of an understanding.

Paris circles make the Italian press directly responsible for the present conditions.

ANGLO-ITALIAN AFFAIR

The Rome conference, it is declared, will be purely an Anglo-Italian affair.

Political circles state that the visit of the two British statesmen to the Quai D'Orsay will be devoted principally to discussion of the Spanish question. In view of the new insurgent offensive, French circles are hoping that the British statesmen will obtain Italian assurances that the status quo in Western Mediterranean will be observed.

It is even intimated that the French Government will urge the British Ministers to give the Spanish problem a foremost position in their home discussions.—Trans-Ocean.

POST OFFICE.

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From	Per	Date
Straits	Cremor	January 10.
Straits	Yasukuni Maru	January 10.
Japan	Heiyo Maru	January 11.
Direct Service—London date.		
4th January	Imperial Airways Plane	January 11.
Shanghai	Potsdam	January 12.
Manila	Pres. Cleveland	January 12.
Amoy	Sirdhana	January 12.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C. date, 24th Dec.)	Emp. of Asia	January 13.
Japan, Shanghai and Formosa	Hakusan Maru	January 13.
Straits and Manila	Lycoun	January 13.
Rabaul	Victoria	January 13.
Amoy	Fridelun	January 14.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date.		
7th January	Imperial Airways Plane	January 14.
Straits and Manila	Potsdam	January 15.
Amoy	Tilsandano	January 16.
Shanghai	Regensburg	January 16.
Calcutta Straits and London Parcels (London date, 8th December 1938)	Hosang	January 17.
Calcutta and Straits	Tilawa	January 17.
Hongkong	Canton	January 18.
Direct Service—San Francisco Pan American Airways plane		
date, 11th January.	January 18.	

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time.
Monday		
Parcels only for Singapore, Penang, Aeneas		Mon., Jan. 9.
Ceylon, Aden, Egypt, Marseilles and London—due London, 16th.		
February	G. P. O. and K. P. O.	Parcels, Jan. 9, 5 p.m.
Parcels only for Japan via Imperial Airways	Yuen-sang	Mon., Jan. 9, 5 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 16th January.	Imperial Airways Plane	Mon., Jan. 9.
	Reg.	Jan. 9, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.	Jan. 9, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Reg.	Jan. 9, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.	Jan. 9, 7.00 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia via "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 16th January.	Imperial Airways Plane	Mon., Jan. 9.
	Reg.	Jan. 9, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.	Jan. 9, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Reg.	Jan. 9, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.	Jan. 9, 7.00 p.m.

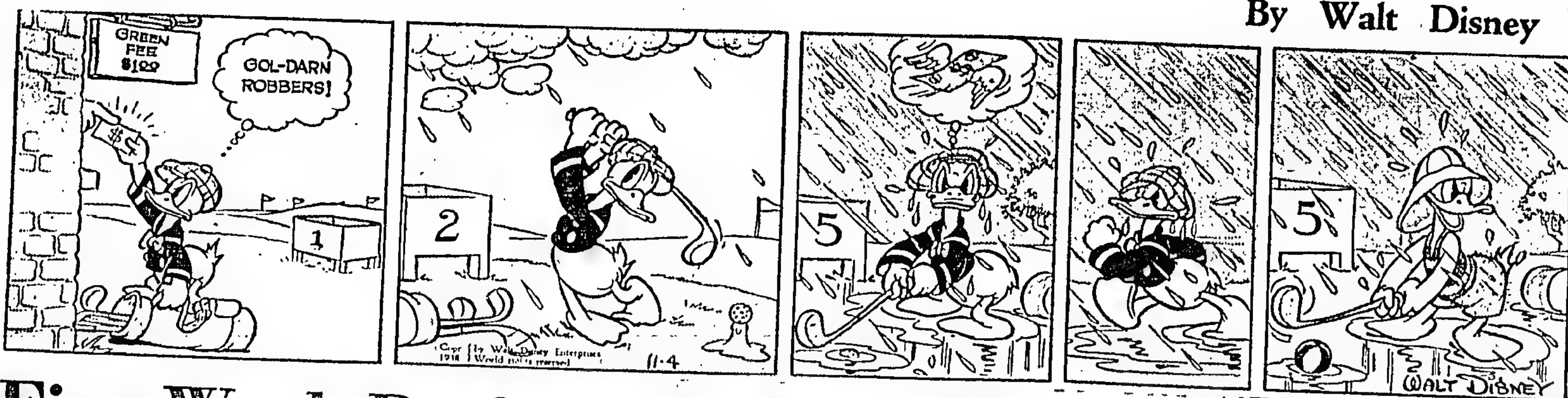
Tuesday		
Foochow and Tientsin	Ninghai	Tues., Jan. 10, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow	Szechuen	Tues., Jan. 10, 9.30 a.m.
Manila	Serosterk	Tues., Jan. 10, 2 p.m.
Haliphong	Canton	Tues., Jan. 10, 3 p.m.
Swatow and Foochow	Hakusan Maru	Tues., Jan. 10, 3.30 p.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Yasukuni Maru	Tues., Jan. 10, 3.30 p.m.
Amoy and Shanghai	Yunnan	Tues., Jan. 10, 3.30 p.m.

Wednesday		
Batavia and Sourabaya	Tjibadik	Wed., Jan. 11, 10.00 a.m.
Holhow and Pakhol	Klangu	Wed., Jan. 11, Noon.
Japan	Yuen-sang	Wed., Jan. 11, 3.30 p.m.

Thursday		
Swatow and Bangkok	Kwelyang	Thurs., Jan. 12, 9.30 a.m.
Haliphong	Taisang	Thurs., Jan. 12, 3 p.m.
Manila and Parcels only for Germany via Hamburg	Potsdam	Thurs., Jan. 12, 4.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 16th January.	Imperial Airways Plane	Thurs., Jan. 12.
	Reg.	Jan. 12, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Jan. 12, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Reg.	Jan. 12, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Jan. 12, 7 p.m.

Friday		
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia via "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 21st January.	Imperial Airways Plane	Thurs., Jan. 12.
	Reg.	Jan. 12, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Jan. 12, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Reg.	Jan. 12, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Jan. 12, 7 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand Taiping via Thursday Island, due Thursday Island, 24th January	G. P. O. and K. P. O.	Thurs., Jan. 12.
	Reg.	

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Death Of
Famed
Jurist

LONDON, Jan. 8. THE death is announced of Sir William Brandford Griffith, C.B.E., formerly Chief Justice of the Gold Coast, and subsequently legal adviser to the Ministry of Pensions.—*Reuter*.

Sir William, who was nearly 81 years of age, had a distinguished academic career, ending when he was called to the Bar in 1881.

In 1884 he was called Queen's Advocate to the Gold Coast Colony, became District Commissioner a year later, and was resident Magistrate of Jamaica from 1888 until he became Chief Justice of the Gold Coast in 1895.

He administered the Government of Lagos in 1896, and was deputy Governor of the Gold Coast in 1897.

He retired in 1911, and was appointed President of the special court for the trial of Human Leopard cases in Sierra Leone in 1912.

He was a special constable in the D Division from 1914 to 1920, and from 1914 to 1919 was a volunteer attached to the Inns of Court. He assisted the Air Board in 1917.

He wrote several authoritative works on Gold Coast history, and also compiled the Ordinance of the Gold Coast Colony in 1887.

Shop Theft Is
Frustrated

Thinking that the salesmen of a shop in Des Voeux Road Central were busy attending to customers, Yeung Fat, 25, unemployed, attempted to steal two cases of architectural instruments from the show-window, but he was seen. A salesman gave chase and arrested him. Yeung was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Rangoon Fears
Riots

RANGOON, Jan. 8. TROOPS and police concentrated at strategic points throughout the city this morning, owing to the tense situation as oilfield workers paraded the city, waving flags and slogans, en route to the cemetery to pay homage to a University student who was killed in a clash with the police at Monthago.—*United Press*.

Palestine
Frontiers
Now Closed

Jerusalem, Jan. 8. Stricter control is being exercised along the Palestine frontiers.

It is officially announced that the frontiers have been closed, and traffic passes now cannot be issued until further notice. Pass restrictions will be imposed from January 12 on motor passenger vehicles driven by non-Europeans and non-Jews according to the announcement of the military authorities.

Traffic will not be allowed to enter Syria or Trans-Jordan, the reason given being that the privileges granted, as well as military passes, had been used in a manner adverse to military security.—*Reuter*.

New Headquarters Now
Established At
Kongmoon

THE energetic and useful service of the Chinese Red Cross Society, Canton, after the fall of that city and the evacuation by the members of the society to places along the West River, was described in detail in a pamphlet just issued.

The pamphlet tells how the medical members of the society, after encountering manifold difficulties and dangers, abandoned the City of Rums, and after a hazardous westward trek, have established themselves in their new headquarters at Kongmoon, where connections with field stations at the front and rear are closely maintained.

After handing over the charge of the Society at Canton to two German doctors, the pamphlet recounts, the main body of the ambulance service of the society evacuated Canton on October 21, the same day the city fell into Japanese hands.

SUPPLIES REMOVED

Before evacuating, the major portion of medical supplies was shipped to Shihing, twenty miles above Samshui on the West River. At the same time, field stations were maintained at Fokan, Sainam, and other places near the fighting zone, while offices were established at Shihing, Takking, Kwongning, and many other important cities.

These offices, the pamphlet declares, were chiefly responsible for the steady supply of medicine and first aid corps which were sent to the front and also rear places in time of emergency.

Several members of the medical staff of the society, who remained behind when the general evacuation took place, have since rejoined their comrades after a large number of refugees in Canton were given medical aid and otherwise taken care of.

Throughout the westward trip, the society has been rendering very good service in aiding various local hospitals and wards with medical

supplies. At Shihing, the pamphlet states, the society was particularly fortunate in having detailed large supplies of medicine there on November 22, when the Japanese staged a terrible air raid on the city. Large numbers of wounded people who would otherwise have suffered a terrible fate were quickly treated.

DESTITUTES AIDED

The pamphlet enumerated numerous cases where destitute refugees along the West River were given medicine and care by members of the society.

With the headquarters of the Society now moved to Kongmoon, the pamphlet states, close contact is maintained with the surrounding districts, especially Sunwui, Toishan, Hokshan and Hoiping. As a recent instance of the society's service, large numbers of wounded victims of the recent Japanese air attacks on Sunwui were cared for by Red Cross units.

Contact with Hongkong is maintained through the Society's Hongkong Office established in the premises of the local "Wah Kiu Yat Pao," to which donations, monetary or in supplies, may be forwarded.—*Central News*.

APPOINTMENTS
Notifications in The
Government Gazette

It is notified in the Government Gazette that Mr. E. H. Williams resumed duty as Crown Counsel on December 30, 1938.

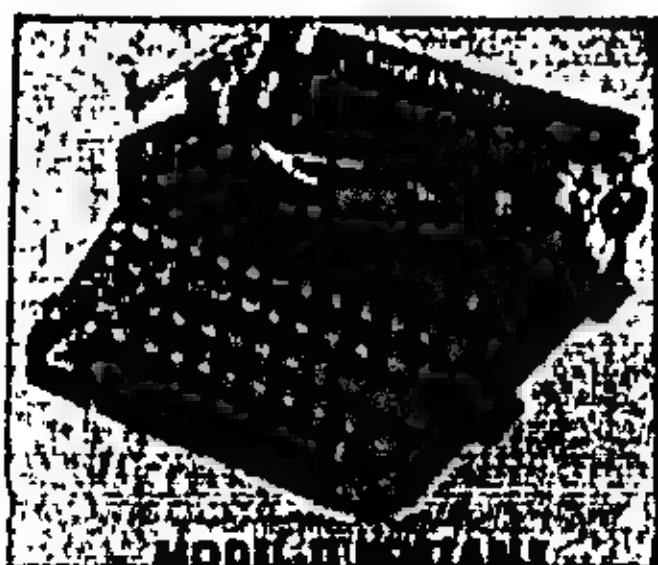
His Excellency the Governor has appointed Messrs. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, O.B.E., J.P., and Cyril Champkin, J.P., to be members of the Licensing Board for a further period of three years.

Mr. H. A. Mills is to be Assistant Postmaster General and Chief Accountant, General Post Office, with effect from January 1, 1939.

Drs. Tai Hon-hung, M.B., Ch.B., (Edin.), and Teng Pin-hui, M.B., B.S. (H.K.), are appointed Health Officers. It is also notified that His Majesty the King has been pleased to approve the appointment of the Honourable Mr. Andrew Lusk Shields to be an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council, vice Mr. Marcus Theodore Johnson, resigned, with effect from October 18, 1938.

Dutch Legation
For Montreal

Le Hague, Jan. 8. The Dutch Government has decided to establish a Legation at Montreal, and to appoint shortly a Dutch Minister with the Canadian Government.—*Reuter*.

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Guerillas Damage
Highway

KINHWA, Jan. 9.

A whole section of the Kinbing - Pinghu highway, extending over a length of fully fifteen miles, has been thoroughly damaged by 3,000 Chinese guerillas and able-bodied civilians, making the stretch completely impassable for Japanese transports. The sabotage work took two full days, from January 3 to 5.—*Central News*.

Explosion
Kills One,
And Wounds
Another

Bucharest, Jan. 8. A mysterious explosion, which occurred in a Bucharest suburb on Saturday night is believed to have been in connection with illegal activities by the "Iron Guard."

The Sunday papers were not allowed to report on the incident. The explosion completely destroyed a small apartment house. Two young men had rented the house only two weeks ago. One of them, a 30 year-old engineer named Dumitrescu, was seriously wounded and died before he could be examined. The other, apparently also wounded, managed to escape.

It is learnt that parts of bombs were found among the debris, indicating that the apartment was actually the secret laboratory of a terrorist group of the "Iron Guard," whose leader was killed some time ago.—*Trans-Ocean*.

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6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 New Dance Music and Variety.

Why Talk About Love—Quickstep; Tears in My Heart—Slow Fox-Trot; Henry Jacques and His Orchestra; Fold Your Wings ("Glamorous Night").... Mary Ellis and Trevor Jones acc; by Drury Lane Theatre Orchestra; Bull It in C—Slow Fox-Trot; Doctor Rhythm—Fox-Trot.... The New Lyres; Fleur Bleue—Fox-Trot Chante; Je Chante—One Step Charlie.... Charles Trenet acc; by Wal-Berg and His Orchestra; What Is Romance?—Slow Fox-Trot; The Chocolate Soldier's Daughter—Quickstep.... Roy Fox and His Orchestra; Just in Fun.... Max Miller (Comedian); You're An Education—Quickstep; So Long, Sweetheart—Slow Fox-Trot.... Henry Jacques and His Orchestra; The Yam Step—As Explained by Fred Astaire; The Yam (Film; Carefree).... Fred Astaire with Ray Noble and His Orchestra; Small Fry—Slow Fox-Trot; A Little Toy Sail Boat—Fox-Trot.... Gerald and His Orchestra; Let's All Have a Chorus.... With Tommy Handley and His Pals.

7.30 Tito Schipa.

La Cumparsita—Tango; Confession—Tango; Princessita (Little Princess).

7.40 The Milan Symphony Orchestra.

La Muta di Portici—Overture (Auber); Fra Diavolo—Overture (Auber); Manon Lescaut—Intermezzo (Puccini).

8.00 Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.05 Single—"That Music Reminds Me."

8.30 The Latest Dance Music.

Silver On The Sage (Film; The

Texans)—Fox-Trot; There's A Brand New Picture in My Picture Frame (Fox-Trot)... Tommy Tucker and His Orchestra; There's Rain in My Eyes—Slow Fox-Trot... Mantovini and His Orchestra; Hush, Here Comes the Dream Man—Slow Fox-Trot; Teddy Tatt in Town Today—6/8 One Step... Henry Hall and His Orchestra; Algernon, Whit-flesnoop, John—Comedy Fox-Trot; When It's Thursday Night in Egypt—Comedy Fox-Trot... Harry Roy and His Orchestra; They Gave Him a Gun To Play With—Fox-Trot; When the Circus Came to Town—Novelty Fox-Trot... Jay Wilbur and His Band.

9.00 London Relay—"Hands Across the Sea" by Noel Coward.

9.30 London Relay—The News.

9.50 A Choral Programme.

Concerto No. 1 in E Minor Op. 11

...Arthur Rubinstein (Piano) and the London Symphony Orchestra; Nocturne in C Sharp Minor....

Nathan Milstein (Violin); Elude No. 7, Op. 25....Lener Siring Quartet; Colossale in E Flat....Jose Echaniz (Pianoforte).

10.30 London Relay—In Town To-night.

Introducing personalities from every walk of life in interviews with Lionel Gamlin, flashes from the news of the week, and 'Standing on the Corner' (Michael Harding interviews the man in the street); Edited and Produced by C. F. Meenan.

11.00 Close Down.

CHILDREN'S PARTY

Russian Community Hold
Christmas Festival

St. Voldemar's Day, set aside for children in Russia, was celebrated by the Russian community in Hongkong with a party at the St. Andrew's Church Hall yesterday, when over 70 children were present.

The party was arranged by a committee from the Russian Orthodox Church. They were Mrs. V. Afanasieff, Mrs. A. Moors, Mrs. L. Kreloff and Mrs. L. Veriga.

The hall was tastefully decorated, while a Christmas tree laden with bon-bons and toys were placed in the centre. These were later distributed to the children.

A speech was given in Russian by the Rev. Dimitre of the Russian Orthodox Church, while Mrs. A. Shapiro was the leader of the chorus for the singing. Other items included recitation of a number of Russian poems.

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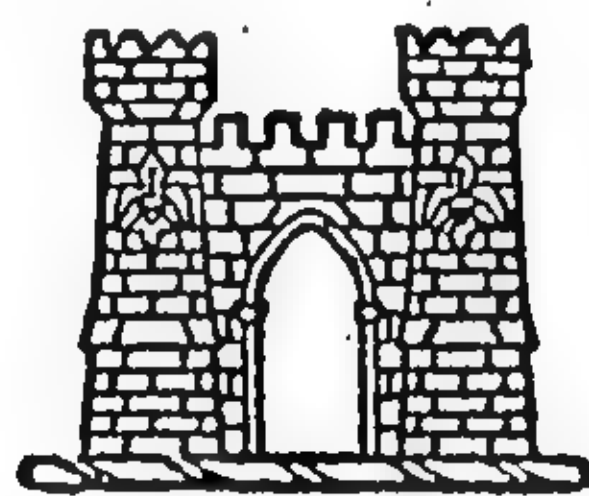
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Appeasement or Peace?

THAT WE SHOULD live at peace with all our neighbours is an ideal that no one would wish to repudiate. Nor need the fact that some nations have adopted forms of Government very different from our own be by itself an obstacle to peaceful relationships between our democracies and their dictatorial regimes.

The difficulty arises, however, in international policies, for countries like Germany and Italy and Japan insist on deciding for themselves what they consider their due, and definitely set about reaching their goals by violent means without any regard to the rights of other peoples. This is an attitude that makes true Peace impossible. In its place the world becomes an anarchy, where Might alone determines right.

Japan overruns China, Italy annexes Abyssinia, Germany seizes Austria and Czechoslovakia. The League of Nations advances a very different plan for World Peace as its objective. It is founded on the democratic virtue of tolerance. The integrity and independence of each nation—however small and insignificant it may be—is to be respected. Violence is no longer to be used by any nation as a means of securing what it considers justice for itself. No nation is to be judge in its own cause. Disputes are to be settled in a third-party world forum and Governments agree to abide by decisions so reached. Patent injustices in relationships are to be remedied by peaceful means in an atmosphere of mutual understanding and goodwill. The united strength of the whole Community of Nations is pledged against aggression and anarchic violence.

This programme for peace is the only one that is workable; and the present unhappy conditions, that prevail universally are due to its abandonment by the nations that pay lip service to its tenets but in practice betray its principles.

We have sought appeasement with the militarist aggressive nations by yielding to their demands. The whole fabric of Law and Order has broken down. Every nation is wasting its substance in preparation for the calamity of another World War, which threatens to destroy all the values of the civilisation that has been so painfully built up.

Are we to continue this surrender? It is perhaps not too late even now to return to the League of Nations, for even today the nations that stand for Law and Order, and Peace are sufficiently powerful to check the flood of insanity that threatens to overwhelm the world.

INNOCENT—AND 21 YEARS IN GAOL

IN the early days of the Russian revolution, when the Allies still thought that Russia could be persuaded to continue the war, President Wilson sent a distinguished journalist as an unofficial ambassador to St. Petersburg. The first night after his arrival he awoke to see collected outside his hotel a huge crowd who shouted in unison one word only, "Muni, Muni."

The journalist, impressed by what he took to be a pro-American demonstration, inquired what this curious Russian expression might mean. He was then told that it was the name of a Californian Labour leader who a little while before had been sentenced to death for supposed participation in a bomb outrage.

This man, Thomas J. Mooney, his sentence commuted to life imprisonment, is after 21 years of confinement, to gain his freedom. Last week the Californian Governor kept his promise made at the recent gubernatorial elections, to sign a pardon for his release.

Of Mooney's innocence there is no doubt. The judge at his trial, and nine of the ten surviving jurymen, signed a petition for his pardon. Under the heading of "The Lawless Enforcement of Law," the Wickersham Commission, appointed by President Hoover to investigate "Law Enforcement and Observance," drew up a lengthy report on Mooney's case which completely vindicated him.

This section of the report was suppressed. However, by a vote of the Senate, President Hoover was compelled to produce it, and it is from that suppressed report that the following facts of the case are taken.

ON the afternoon of July 22, 1916, a bomb exploded during a pro-war "Preparedness Day" parade in San Francisco. Nine persons were killed and forty wounded. Owing to the failure of the police to examine the site, the nature of the bomb was never determined. Though a tin canister had been seen falling from the roof of a nearby building the police deduced from a cog-wheel belonging to an alarm clock found near the scene by a souvenir-hunter that the explosion was caused by a time bomb concealed in a suitcase. No parts of a suitcase were, however, found.

A private detective, Martin Swanson, previously in the pay of the Employers' Association, was given charge of the case by the District Attorney, and he advised the immediate arrest of Mooney, his wife, two other Labour leaders, Warren Billings and Edward Nolan, and a taxi-driver, Israel Weinberg. The first four were known to be enemies of Swanson's.

Swanson's theory was that the bomb had been manufactured by Nolan and adjusted at another address by Mooney, the Billings and Mrs. Mooney, and then taken by Mooney and Billings in Weinberg's taxi to example, the principal witness

of the supposed meeting with only half to say you saw me on Mrs. Mooney to adjust the bomb July 22 in San Frisco, and that had before the trial made a will be easy dun." Instead, statement to the police saying the friend handed this letter to the Press. After long delays the Californian authorities were compelled to prosecute Oxman for subornation of perjury.

THE cases against Nolan, Mrs. Mooney and Weinberg, in which he was to have been the star witness, had to be dropped, but Mooney and Billings, whom he was instrumental in convicting, were kept in prison.

The injustice of their imprisonment was universally acknowledged. But this did not secure their release. The Californian authorities felt that they had got two dangerous "Reds" in prison, and, guilty or innocent, they were not going to let them out. It was only by the pressure of world opinion that Mooney was saved. Will Oxman tried to rebut this by writing to a friend asking him to give evidence. "You will release of Billings?"

first to introduce the hand-making of finest Turkish cigarettes and he was widely known as a leading blender of Turkish, Egyptian, Russian and Virginia cigarette tobaccos. In the year 1922 the business of Albert Weinberg came into the hands of his nephew, Mr. Isaiah Redstone, whose experience of Balkan Sobranie and other cigarette

making now goes back over thirty-three years. Until 1922 the name Balkan Sobranie was known only to a comparatively small circle of connoisseurs. Since then it has achieved a much wider fame the world over. Incidentally, this firm is represented in Hongkong by Ingenohl's La Perla Del Oriente Cigar Stores.

It must have needed a deal of pluck and confidence to adhere to their policy of only making and selling high quality tobaccos and cigarettes right throughout that terrible slump period, but the Balkan Sobranie people were convinced that there were plenty of smokers who would still, and who always would, buy a high priced article and stuck to their guns and steadily refused to bring out any popular-priced lines.

To-day, that confidence in themselves has proved to be justified, for their brands are selling to an infinitely greater extent than ever before and they are sending them all over the world. And well they might, for they are truly beautiful tobaccos.

HEREDITARY GIFTS. Balkan Sobranie owes its reputation to the hereditary gifts of one talented family, who do all the blending themselves, and what that family do not know about tobacco seems hardly worth knowing.

ROWS OF WORKERS. Every process is done by hand and it is quite a fascinating sight to see the rows of cigarette makers, with their fingers working like lightning, picking out just the right amount of tobacco for each cigarette, making the cigarette and dropping it into a wooden trough, from which it is collected by girls for

The firm was founded by Mr. Albert Weinberg in the early seventies of last century at the very beginning of the Turkish cigarette trade in this country. Mr. Weinberg was one of the

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A FACTORY WITHOUT MACHINERY

Where Everything
Is Made By Hand

In these days of mechanisation it is a pretty unusual thing to find a factory without machinery.

This actually is the case with the new "Sobranie House" the premises now occupied in London by A. Weinberg, manufacturers of the famous Balkan Sobranie tobaccos and cigarettes.

During a recent visit a Press representative failed to find one single piece of machinery other than the tobacco cutting machines, and these are used, so said Mr. David Redstone, only because good hand cutters are nearly extinct to-day in Britain and a labour minded government will not allow foreign tobacco cutters to be imported.

The absence of the noise of machines is noticeable, and added to the general cleanliness and spaciousness, almost a cathedral effect is produced. Only the very best, high priced tobaccos are used in this factory, and pretty nearly every particle of dust is removed from it by successive siftings.

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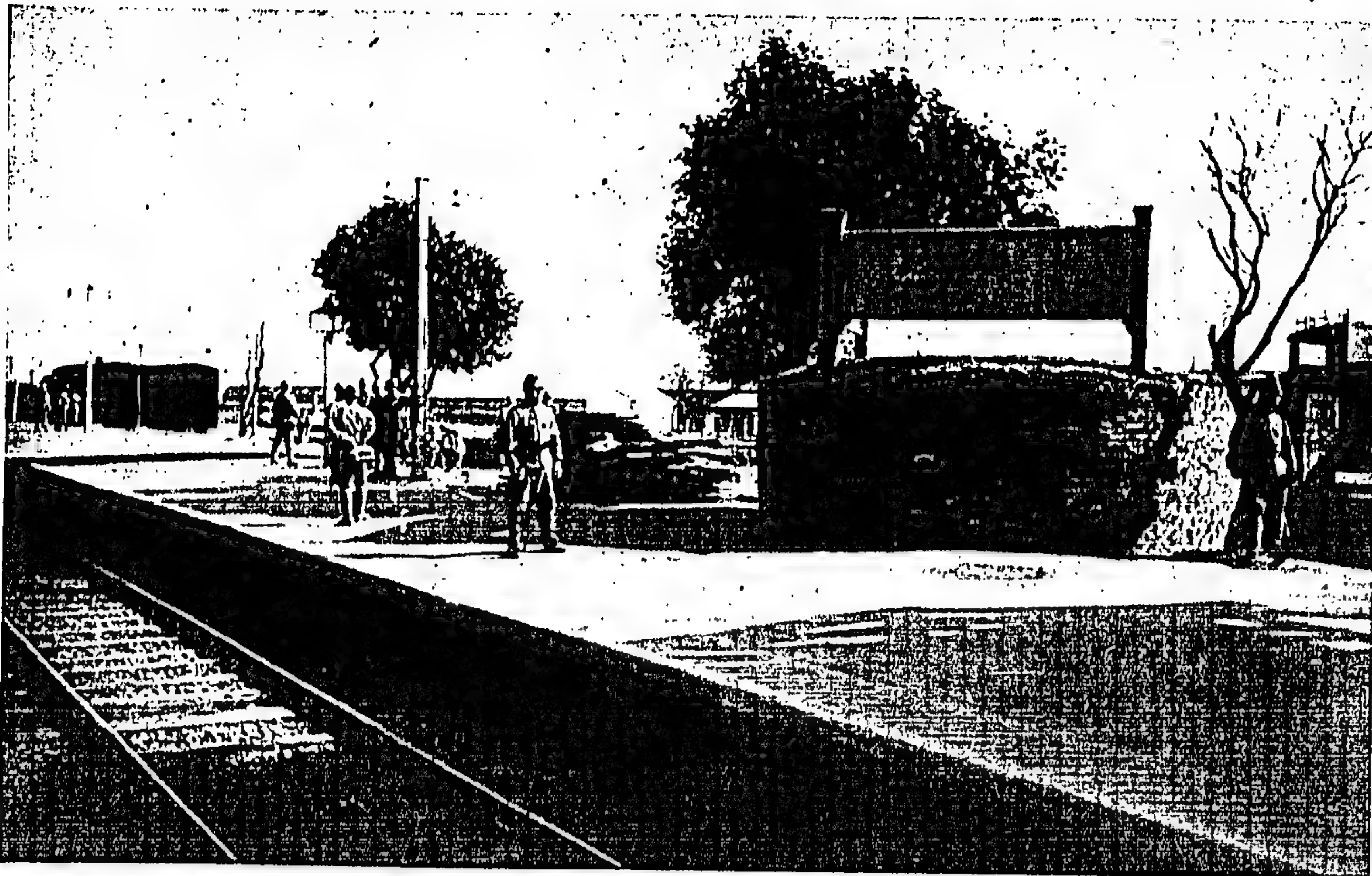
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GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



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THE ACTIVITIES OF CHINESE SOLDIERS and marauding bands of armed guerrillas along the railway lines leading out of Shanghai have prompted the Japanese military to take drastic precautions against this type of operation. Strongly built pillboxes have been built on the railway stations and along the track of the Shanghai-Nanking railway as a protective measure. Shown in the picture is a brick pillbox erected at Wuhien Station and guarded by Japanese soldiers.

ATTACKED BY PIRATES

Five Killed In Yangtse Outrage

SHANGHAI, Jan. 9.

THE GERMAN STEAMER Hansa was attacked on Sunday on the Lower Yangtse near Woosung by Chinese pirates.

Approaching the steamer in several junks, the pirates opened fire, killing five Chinese passengers and wounding several others.

The German steamer returned the fire and prevented the pirates from boarding the ship, which, speeding-up, escaped the attackers, and reached Shanghai on Sunday evening.—Trans-Ocean.

WHAT CZECHS LOST IN SEPT. CRISIS

PRAGUE, Jan. 8.

THE OFFICIAL STATISTICAL BUREAU has published official data on the new Czechoslovakia.

The area of the Republic now comprises 60,347 square miles. 24,597 square miles were surrendered to other countries after the conference in Munich on September 29.

Of this Germany received 17,208; 7,104 went to Hungary and Poland received 651.

Of the three parts of the new federal state; Slovakia, Carpatho-Russia and the historical unit of Moravia-Silesia-Bohemia; Slovakia is administratively the largest. It has an area of 23,073 square miles, Moravia-Silesia has 10,152 square miles and Carpatho-Russia 6,658 square miles. Moravia-Silesia-Bohemia which to-day are combined in a political unit altogether have an area of 29,617 square miles—49 per cent. of the area of the entire country. The present territory of Czechoslovakia comprises 70.4 per cent. of the territory it occupied before Munich.

Through Munich, Czechoslovakia lost 4,922,140 people. She has to-day a population of 9,817,000—66.6 per cent. of the original population. The "Historical Lands"—Moravia-Silesia-Bohemia—now contain 6,804,870 people—more than two-thirds of the entire population. Slovakia has 2,450,000 and Carpatho-Russia 552,124. The numbers of the various nationalities in Czechoslovakia is as follows:

Czechs	6,453,857
Slovaks	2,055,802
Russians	512,289
Germans	377,830
Hungarians	100,379
Jews	126,310
Poles	4,157
Others	31,019

The nationalities are resident in the separate parts of Czechoslovakia as follows:

The Moravia-Silesia-Bohemia (The Historical Lands):

Czechs	6,453,857
Russians	9,531
Germans	234,798
Hungarians	8,705
Poles	3,308
Jews	21,324
Others	1,830

These figures were compiled by the statistical bureau on the basis of the census of 1930.

Since Slovakia and the Historical Lands were at that time considered as political one unit, the Slovaks living in the Lands and the Czechs living in Slovakia were counted as Czechs and Slovaks respectively. A certain degree of vagueness thus resulted.

In Slovakia:

Slovaks	2,055,802
Russians	80,187
Germans	134,317
Hungarians	65,780
Poles	771
Jews	39,551

Others	16,842
In Carpatho-Russia (also called Ruthenia and Carpatho-Ukraine):	
Czechs	17,405
Russians	413,481
Germans	8,715
Hungarians	25,894
Poles	78
Jews	65,828
Others	13,268

The three "State Nationalities"—Czechs, Slovaks and Russians, form 93.4 per cent. of the entire population. The Germans form 3.9 per cent., the Poles 0.27 per cent., and the Jews 1.6 per cent. In the Historical Lands the Czechs comprise 95.9 per cent. of the population, the Germans 3.5 per cent., the Jews 0.3 per cent. In Slovakia the Slovaks comprise 85.6 per cent. of the population, the Germans 5.6 per cent., the Russians 3.7 per cent., the Hungarians 2.7 per cent., and the Jews 1.6 per cent. In Carpatho-Russia the Russians (note: The word Ruthenians can be used wherever the word Russians, as pertaining to population, appears) form 75.9 per cent., Jews 12.1 per cent., Hungarians 4.8 per cent., Czechs 3.2 per cent., and Germans 1.5 per cent.

In Population Czechoslovakia surrendered:

To Germany—3,576,710 people, whereof 2,822,899 are Germans, 738,502 are Czechs and 6,659 are Jews.

To Hungary—992,496 people, whereof 587,602 are Magyars, 288,003 are Slovaks, 51,578 are Jews, 35,261 Ruthenians and 13,008 are Germans.

To Poland—230,282 people whereof only 30 per cent. 76,303 are Poles. The rest is composed of 134,311 Czechs, 17,351 Germans and 2,095 Jews.

The entire population loss of Czechoslovakia can be classified as follows:

Czechs	855,043
Slovaks	306,573
Ruthenians	306,880
Germans	2,853,858
Hungarians	691,544
Poles	77,580
Jews	60,332
Others	15,087

United Press.

Muskrets Hint Cold Winter

Port Clinton, O.

The weather prophets here predict a severe winter, having observed that muskrats in nearby marshes are building their dome-shaped houses much larger than usual.

NEW TRADE LINK TO CHINA SOON OPEN TO TRAFFIC

Motor lorries crossing the frontier between China and Burma will provide a new trade link between China and the Western world this month.

One of the aims of British and American credits to China is to develop this trade by-pass, and a portion of the funds made available will purchase lorries to ply along the motor road nearing completion between Yunnanfu and Lashio, on the route to Mandalay.

Unconquered China has become nearly landlocked. Japan, having cut off the source of supplies along the Canton-Hankow railway, has induced France to close the railway through French Indo-China to war materials.

There remains the rough road from Russian Central Asia along which are carried war supplies bought from the Soviet.

Japan seeks to shut out trade from the West by an exclusionist policy and by closing waterways and harbours to foreign trade.

Hence—with the increasing menace to Hongkong—British and American interest in the route through Burma.

343 MILES TO BE COMPLETED

The first 275 miles of the new motor road, from Yunnanfu to Lashio, were opened three years ago and only recently have the necessities of war forced a speeding-up of work on the remaining 343 miles on the Chinese side.

Gangs of peasants, estimated to number 150,000 or more, have been working day and night to complete the task—cutting the bed of the road with primitive implements in steep hillsides of red slate and in the plains mottling the surface with stones from river beds.

Their labour is compulsory and unpaid, each village being responsible for its allotted section, and men, women and children are set to work to build a highway for strange wheeled vehicles which few of them have ever seen in an area where mule caravans are a more familiar sight.

Rains from June to October have threatened the road-making with floods and landslides, but once completed it is expected to make the journey from Yunnanfu to Burma possible in five days. And Rangoon is a week nearer Europe than is Hongkong, the port of the French railway.

BRITISH NAVY Cruiser Liverpool Commissioned

London, Jan. 8.

"Another Emden would not last so long now," declared Captain A. D. Read, commander of the new cruiser Liverpool, which is shortly leaving for the Far East and is at present paying a courtesy visit to Liverpool.

Capt. Read was replying to presentations of silver plate, a silk ensign and Union Jack, made on behalf of the Liverpool people.

He said that it would be their duty to protect ships and trade in war time. The cruiser was a long way ahead of any ship employed on similar duty during the last war.

The plate was presented by the Lord Mayor of Liverpool, and the ensign and Union Jack by the Countess of Sefton.—Reuter.

Steamer Wrecked Near Manila

Manila, Jan. 8.

The motorship Silver Yew, using her lights, today removed 11 passengers from the vessel, Silver Crest.

The twelfth passenger made his way ashore and is travelling to Manila by train.

Tugs are standing by the Silver Crest which is piled on the rocks. The majority of the crew are hopeful that the ship will be refloated.

Meanwhile the Silver Crest agents in Manila denied that the ship is breaking-up.—United Press.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 12.30 p.m. Saturday, says:

The morning session was quietly steady, with a moderate turnover at the opening quotations.

Buyers	
Hongkong Bank	\$1,400
Union Insurance	\$210
Union Insurance	\$472
H.K. Fire Insurance	\$178
Douglas	\$33 1/2
H.K. & S. Wharves	\$115 1/4
H.K. Docks (Old)	\$11 1/4
H.K. Docks (New)	\$17 1/2
Provident (New)	\$6.10
H.K. Lands	\$37
Lumppreys	\$3 1/2
H.K. Electric	\$17.00
Yanmat Ferry (Old)	\$22 1/2
China Lights	\$14 3/4
H.K. Electric	\$17.00
Macao Electric	\$17
Sandakan Lights	\$10
Cementa (Old)	\$12 1/2
H.K. Ropes	\$3.95
Watsons	\$3.05
Entertainments	\$7
H.K. Govt. 4 1/2 Loan 6 1/2 p.m.	
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2 Loan Par.	

Sellers	
Hongkong Bank	\$1,420
China Underwriters	\$0.70
Provident (Old)	\$6.40
H. & S. Hotels	\$7.15
H.K. Realities	\$3.70
H.K. Tramways	\$17 1/4
China Electric	\$17.00
H.K. Electric	\$17 1/2
Telephone	\$12 1/2
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Rales	
Hongkong Bank	\$1,448
Union Insurance	\$210
Union Insurance	\$472
H.K. Fire Insurance	\$184
Provident (Old)	\$6.35
Provident (New)	\$6.15
H.K. Lands	\$37 1/2
H.K. Realities	\$3.65
H.K. Tramways	\$17.00
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United Press.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

The annual distribution of prizes at St. Paul's College took place this afternoon, in the presence of a goodly number of ladies and gentlemen. The Right Rev. Bishop Hudson presided, and the Revs. Dr. Chalmers, W. Jennings, A. G. Goldsmith, and J. B. Ost, F. E. W. Hartmann, Hon. W. E. Wedehouse, Mr. Bellios, &c. were present.

Prince Bismarck has resolved to restore German authority in East Africa, either by taking over the Company's stations or by assisting the Company financially.

At the Water Police Court, Sydney, the other day, a specimen of gentle womanhood known as Annie Thomas was charged with biting the ear of Andrew Whittaker. Andrew had the ear along with him wrapped up in brown paper and as there was no ear on one side of his head and the severed organ of hearing exactly fitted the spot, the evidence was considered strong against the prisoner. Mr. Whittaker deposed that the lady was his cook, and that a slight disagreement having arisen she had charged at him with a chunk of rock. He rushed back in return with a soap-dish, and then she took his ear and fled. The magistrate considered that the ears of peaceful subjects were not intended for such a purpose, and committed the alleged cannibal for trial.

Admiral Byron Drury, F.R.G.S., died on the 8th, November, at Cambridge Villa, Cheltenham, aged seventy-three. He was senior lieutenant of the Alligator at the first capture of Chuank, in 1841, receiving the China medal, and being promoted to commander for his services. While in California he rendered valuable services in surveying and sounding the channels in the Yangtze-Kiang preparatory to the ascent of the fleet to Nanking.

HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED

The fourth ordinary general meeting of this Company was held at the Hongkong Hotel, Mr. J. Findlay-Smith presiding and Messrs. J. B. Coughtrie, R. Lyall, J. D. Hutchison, A. G. Apenz, D. Anderson, G. de Sures, J. de Sonville, J. R. Remedios, Mooney, an Kwong Tai.

25 YEARS AGO

In dreadnoughts and super-dreadnoughts we shall command in March, 1914, thirty to Germany's seventeen, with a still greater qualitative advantage and a long tail of King Edwards, and of other types, superior to anything that Germany can show; so that on the same date we exhibit sixty-eight capital ships of 1,187,150 tons to her thirty-seven of 615,055. In the greater and more powerful cruisers comparison is merely ridiculous, for we shall have thirty-two of 382,800 tons to eight German ships of 82,775 tons. In smaller cruisers alone is there something approaching parity, though in no way reaching it, while in destroyers and submarines the advantage is again enormous. There is, in a word, no Anglo-German naval confrontation. It has disappeared within four years of the moment when it was declared to dominate European politics.

Reuter's correspondent at Cairo states that M. Tournier, who is making the flight to Khartoum, arrived at Luxor and re-embarked for Wadhalfa. He passed Assuan en route, touring as usual on the roofs of hotels witnessing the flight. The whole of the natives were amazed, this being the first aeroplane they had seen.

Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, Unionist M.P. for West Birmingham, states in a letter to his constituents that he has decided to retire from Parliament at the next General Election.

10 YEARS AGO

A message from Nanking states that the Administrative Yuan yesterday afternoon decided to accept the resignation of Mr. A. H. F. Edwards as Captain-General of the Maritime Customs.

Mr. F. W. Maze, Commissioner in Shanghai, has been appointed Inspector-General in place of Mr. Edwards.

LATEST COAST TRANSFERS

Captain W. Shaw, of the Luchow, has gone master, Nanchang, Captain R. Umpleby, of the Nanchang, has gone master, Luchow.

Mr. Y. N. Campbell, chief officer, Shantung, has gone acting master, Chekiang, Captain S. M. Barling, of the Chekiang, is on reserve.

Captain A. Cook, of the Chenan, has gone master, Ninghai, Captain N. Harle, of the Ninghai, has gone master, Chenan.

Captain J. E. Richards, from reserve, has gone master, Fatsan, Captain R. Mitchell, of the Fatsan, is on home leave.

Captain D. Lupton, from reserve, has gone master, Kwangchow, Captain J. D. Milne, of the Kwangchow, has gone master, Antung, Captain G. A. G. Morris, of the Antung, is on reserve.

5 YEARS AGO

Serge Slavsky, hunted all over France as the ringleader of the Bonyonne anarchist conspiracy, shot himself at Chamonix to evade arrest.

An sequel to the Georges Philippart fire disaster in the Red Sea in May, 1932, when the latest magnificent addition to the Messageries Maritimes fleet was destroyed on her maiden voyage, with a heavy loss of life, seven persons are being charged with homicide by negligence.

A special meeting of the Australian and New Zealand Association will be held in the private dining room of the Gloucester Building (Top Floor) at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, for the purpose of electing a new Committee.

Spelling Bee

How many of these words are correct and what is wrong with the others?

alpinist necessitate
alpinist resuscitate
disputable resuscitate

English Oxford Dictionary spelling of these words will be found on page 9.

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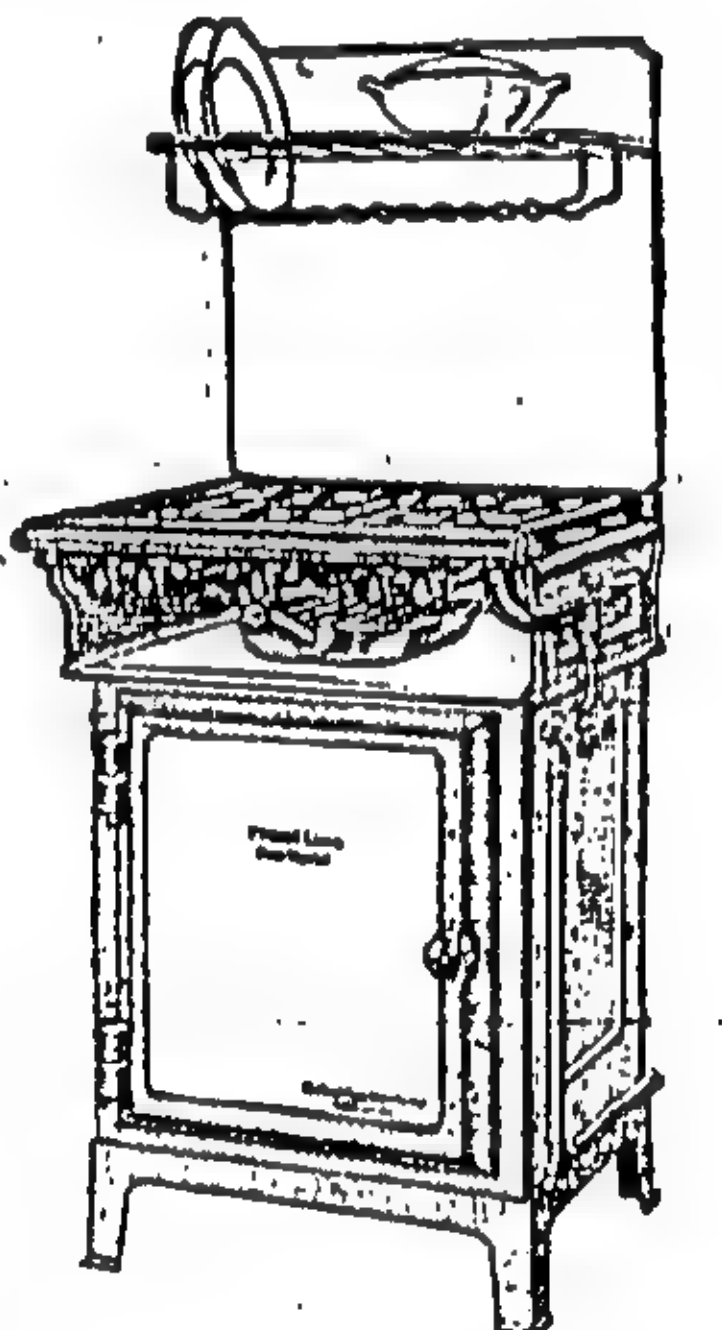
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UNIVERSITY DANCE Charity Function Follows Flag Day Effort

In spite of Saturday's bad weather, it is understood that the flag day organised by the Hongkong University Union Chinese Medical Relief Association, in aid of wounded soldiers and refugees in the New Territories, proved a success. The exact amount collected is not yet known, but is said to be substantial.

The Association extended their charitable activity of the day by holding a dance in the Great Hall of the Hongkong University the same night. The function was largely attended, and among those present were Mr. D. J. Sloss, Vice-Chancellor of the University, and Mrs. Sloss.

Popular dance music was provided by a band from the Hongkong Hotel.

RETURNS BY BANKS Particulars of Notes In Circulation

The following are returns of the average amount of banknotes in circulation in Hongkong, during the month ended December 31, 1938, as certified by the Managers of the respective Banks:

Banks	Average Amount
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China	\$ 24,632,637
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	210,197,678
Mercantile Bank of India, Limited	4,441,620
Total	\$239,491,935

CANTON STUDENTS' AID

The Canton University Students' Relief Association is giving a variety entertainment at the Po Hing Theatre, Nathan Road, Kowloon, on Wednesday, January 11, at 7 p.m. in aid of refugees and wounded soldiers. The admission charges will be \$3, \$2, \$1, 60 cts. and 30 cts.

Judge Fines Himself

SAN JOSE, Cal.

Superior Judge E. N. Rector, a stickler for punctuality, was so disgusted when he arrived late himself for a session of court that he declared himself in contempt and paid a \$5 fine. He had called a session for 9 A.M., but as the result of force of habit reported at 10 A.M. as usual.

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ROYAL SCOTS PLAY SEVENTH DRAWN TIE IN LOCAL SOCCER KWONG WAH MADE TO SHARE HONOURS

(By "Abe")

There is a certain quality in the football of the Royal Scots which defies description. It comes to the surface when least expected—usually when defeat for the Scots appears imminent—and at the last moment enables the team to snatch a point from bewildered opponents.

The Scots' match against Kwong Wah in the First Division of the Football League, played at Kowloon yesterday afternoon, was a case in point. Outplayed by the Chinese for three quarters of the match, the Scots suddenly became revitalised and, facing a two-nil score, managed to share the honours.

Out of 12 matches which they have played in the League to date, the Royal Scots have now drawn seven, two having been won and three lost. While admitting that Kwong Wah were somewhat unlucky in having to share the two points at stake, one can also say that in a way they brought this upon themselves. There was no doubt regarding their superiority throughout the first half and the majority of the second but when they were over-running the Scots, they should have found the net more than twice. Had they seized all the opportunities which came their way, they would have placed them in an unassailable position.

LEAD INSUFFICIENT

An it was, their two-goal lead did not prove sufficient when the Scots staged their magnificent recovery. Their lead was wiped off in quick time by Proctor and Mossack, and at one stage they were even in danger of defeat. Fortunately for them they succeeded in stalling the game and in the last minute of the game might have snatched a victory when Leung Bing-kam was presented with an opportunity of shooting. However, he wasted it and the chance did not come again.

Better football was provided by the Chinese, whose attacking movements were always well-conceived. They were also far more impressive in their midfield play when the ball was swung about in an entertaining manner, but they did not always finish well, far too many scoring opportunities being frittered away. The defenders were in fine form, and were never harried by the Scots' attack. Yeung Tse-tsung, the Kwong Wah centre-half, was a tower of strength and outshone even Proctor, who was given a strenuous time by the nippy work of the opposing forwards, among whom Wong King-cheung, the outside left, was always a source of trouble.

TACTICS FAILED

In contrast with the Chinese, the Scots played the close-passing game, but these tactics failed and little progress was made. The Scots also had their chances of scoring in the first half, but finally shooting nullified some good midfield efforts. The game opened in a manner which suggested that the Kwong Wah were by far the better team. At least, they were playing very attractive football and fully deserved the lead which Chin Chi-fun gave them when he met a corner kick first-time to send the ball into the Scots' net.

Efforts made by the Scots to equalise were not aided by the fact that Allen, at inside left, was injured and had to be assisted off the field; and though he returned shortly before half-time, he was not as effective as he had been before.

In the second half, Cheuk Shek-kun increased the lead for Kwong Wah, but nevertheless the Scots were not discouraged. They took play into Kwong Wah territory and it was from a corner that Proctor reduced the lead with a nice header. Encouraged by this goal, the Scots had a short period of ascendancy, during which they equalised, through Mossack.

Exchanges became very exciting as both teams made strenuous efforts to score the winning goal. The Chinese had their chances, but missed them and the final whistle came with each side claiming a point.

Teams:

Kwong Wah.—Lee Kwok-kee; Hau Yung-sang, Chung Fai-lam; Chung Wing, Yeung Tse-tsung, Wong Wah-yay; Leung Bing-kam, Chin Chi-fun, Cheuk Shek-kun, Chow Man-chi and Wong King-cheung.

Royal Scots.—Duncan; Fraser, McDaniel, Adamson, Proctor, Clarke, Munro, Fleming, Mossack, Allen and Holmes.

£40,000 OFFER TO BUY CLUB

London, Dec. 15. Cardiff City directors last night refused a £40,000 offer from Mr. H. H. Merrett, a South Wales sportsman, to buy up all or part of the club shares.

Mr. Merrett also stated that if the deal went through he would spend £20,000 on players and improve the ground facilities at Ninian Park. Cardiff City shares at the moment are worth between 5s. and 6s. Mr. Merrett offered to buy them at 10s. per share.

If the Cardiff City board had accepted it would have meant a total outlay of £40,000. The directors held a four-hour meeting before reaching a decision. Then they issued the following statement: "We have considered Mr. Merrett's offer but have decided not to accept it."

Mr. Merrett, who had waited on the result of the meeting, said: "I am amazed, I have never been so treated in my life. Personally I think it a public duty that Cardiff City should be placed in a strong position. I hope the followers of the club will support me."



That football has become one of the most popular sports in the Colony is evidenced here. The game certainly is not lacking in spectators. —Photo by Jaffer.

BEST RACEHORSE IN THE WORLD Merit Of British Bloodstock

By Robin Goodfellow (Captain Eric Rickman)

London, Dec. 7. Lord Rosebery strongly opposed attempts which, he said, were being made to admit impure strains to the English Stud Book when he spoke last night at the annual meeting of the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association, of which he is Chairman.

The meeting was held at Newmarket after the conclusion of the sales for the day.

The General Stud Book was first compiled and issued in 1791 by an ancestor of its present compilers and publishers, Messrs. Weatherby.

The horses and mares mentioned in Vol. I, and one or two mares recorded for the first time in Vol. II, have formed the sole ancestors of the British thoroughbred, with the exception of a few lines of North American and Australian blood, which were admitted under certain conditions in 1886.

SIRE DERBY WINNERS

The principal American strain admitted at that time is represented by the numerous descendants of Orby, who won the Derby in 1807 and sired a Derby winner in Grand Parade.

Later it was realised that this exception had enabled some American horses and mares who were far from being thoroughbred to be admitted to the English Stud Book.

Lord Rosebery reminded the meeting that in 1912 Messrs. Weatherby adopted the suggestion of the Jockey Club that "no horse or mare can after this date be considered eligible for admission to the General Stud Book unless it can be traced without flaw on both sire's and dam's side of its pedigree to horses and mares already accepted in the earlier volumes of the Book."

VERDICT'S OFFSPRING

The most notable exception, apart from imported horses, is represented to-day by Verdict (who had two strains of impure blood) and her offspring, including Quashed and Thankerton.

"I earnestly hope," Lord Rosebery said, "that no one will ever induce Messrs. Weatherby to alter this rule."

The Stud Book is a record of pure blood and not of performance, as I was reminded when I expressed regret after Quashed had won the Oaks and the Ascot Gold Cup that neither she nor her descendants could ever gain a place in it.

The purity of the Stud Book is worth defending so long as the British thoroughbred maintains his pre-eminent reputation.

That reputation—and the true value of the Stud Book—depends on the future policy of British breeders and the wise direction of the general system of racing to which their efforts are adapted.

TWO MATCHES DECIDED IN HONGKONG HOCKEY ASSOCIATION TOURNEY

Two matches were decided yesterday in the Hongkong Hockey Association Tournament, the C.B.A. beating the Police "A" at Boundary Street and the Club de Recreio overcoming Police "B" on the same ground.

Starting with only ten men, the Police "A" were hard-pressed, but they soon settled down and took the lead when Fattia Singh, the outside right, seizing upon a rebound, beat J. J. King.

Exchanges were very even at this stage. Though the C.B.A. were seen in several nice movements, they were unable to find the net for a long period, and only the splendid work of King between the sticks saved them

from being further in arrears. King made some fine interceptions in the course of a fierce Police attack.

The Police held their slender lead up to five minutes from the interval. A short corner was awarded the C.B.A. and from this George Fowler scored the equaliser.

On resumption the Police played with a full side and subjected the C.B.A. goal to a strenuous time.

However, they were unable to penetrate the defence, and when the ball was moved over to the other end S. Fowler and G. Fowler were seen in a nice movement which ended in the latter scoring.

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The Portuguese led one-nil at half-time, through a goal scored by J. Fonseca. In the second period, the Recreio forwards put on pressure and netted two more goals, the marksmen being Fonseca and L. G. Gossano.

PROPOSALS FOR DAVIS CUP PLAY

Made By European Zone Committee

Cologne, Jan. 8.

The European Zone Davis Cup Committee, meeting here to-day under the chairmanship of its President, M. Pierre Gillou, decided to make several important proposals to the International Tennis Federation regarding the system of holding European Zone matches.

The first proposal was that the tournament should be confined to four rounds instead of five.

It was furthermore proposed that nations which possessed strong teams in the previous year should be "seeded" while those which were eliminated in the first round should not be permitted to compete in the following year if their inclusion would make more than four rounds necessary.—Trans-Ocean.

Australian Retains His Golf Title

Manila, Jan. 8. The Australian golfer, Norman von Vida, successfully defended his title in the Philippine Open Golf Championship to-day with an aggregate of 292.

He won U.S.\$2,000 of the prize money.

Two Japanese golfers, Seisui Chin and Reizo Asanil, tied for second place with 294 each.

Amongst those taking part in the tournament was John Montague, the "rake and shovel" American golfer.—United Press.

WEEK-END FOOTBALL RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION		
Club	Kowloon	2 Eastern
Police	2 Middlesex	1
Kwong Wah	2 Navy	1
SECOND DIVISION		
Club	3 Eastern	1
Kowloon	0 Middlesex	4
Police	1 5th Bde.	2
Engineers	5 R.A.O.C.	1
Kwong Wah	1 Royal Scots	4
South China	2 St. Joseph's	1
THIRD DIVISION "A"		
Electric	4 South China	1
15th Bde.	— P.W.D.	—
30th Bty. R.A.	— Royal Scots	—
Engineers (C)	— R.A.S.C.	—
14th Chce	— Stanley	—
THIRD DIVISION "B"		
University	2 Kumaons	5
Powhattan	0 R.A.F.	12
Stonecutters W/T	0 Engineers (B)	0
Signals	3 24th Bty.	2
14th S.A.	— Medicals	—
*Postponed.		

Hockey Club Teams For The Week

The following teams have been selected to represent the Hongkong Hockey Club in matches arranged for this week:

1st XI (v. Police on the Club ground at 8 p.m. on Wednesday).—V. M. Penwell; V. C. Reed; H. J. D. Lowe (Capt.); W. A. Reed; N. B. Whitley; S. A. Fowler; T. D. Whitley; E. P. A. Morgan; B. L. Dickford and R. A. Bates.

2nd XI (v. Kumaon Rifles 2nd XI on Marina ground at 8 p.m. on Friday).—H. J. D. Lowe (Capt.); P. B. Stokes; W. G. Schenckel; L. Starbuck; H. J. D. Lowe (Capt.); W. Spencer; A. H. Ponting; D. Woolgar; K. A. Dismond and L. F. Tamworth.

Umpire.—Mr. G. E. R. Dillott.

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NAVY DEFEAT ARMY IN LAST FIXTURE OF TOURNAMENT OF INTERESTING RUGGER AT CAUSEWAY BAY

(By "Fly-Hall")

On Saturday afternoon the Navy defeated the Army by 14 points (a goal and three tries) to nil in the last match of the Triangular Rugby Tournament at Causeway Bay.

The winners held an advantage behind the scrum where the backs, despite the wet ball, handled extremely well. The Army forwards, especially Berry and Crawford, did well, the former figuring in many forward rushes.

Rain had rendered the ground rather sodden. The match between the two Club teams, which was played prior to the Triangular Tournament match, had stirred the pitch up a bit. The state of the ground suited the Army, as fast back play was more or less out of the question.

Crawford captained the Army side in the absence of Cuthbertson through injury. Cuthbertson, it is understood, is still suffering from the effects of a wrenched knee and damaged ankle received in the game against the Club a fortnight ago.

Another absentee through injury was Ldg. Sea. Romans, of the Navy. He had injured his knee whilst playing for H.M.S. Eagle against the Club last Wednesday.

GOOD FORWARDS

The Navy forwards were collectively equally as good as their opponents, whilst such players as Berry, Crawford and Page were always prominent in the loose. Navy forwards were superior in the line-outs and their backing up was splendid. Darling, Ogle and Withersden were up with the play on most occasions.

Talbot excelled at scrum-half for the Navy despite the fact that because of the state of the ground, the ball was very slow in being heeled. Both inside three in the Navy team played cleverly and showed good understanding with each other's play. An effective movement which the Navy backs carried out time and again was that of an inside three dashing in and taking the ball between the scrum-half and the stand-off. This made it difficult for the Army stand-off to know which man to take.

Askwith's forceful running was once again much in evidence. Stevens, at full-back for the Navy, was faultless. Lomax, the Army full-back, played a very sound game under the conditions his handling was perfect.

Boe and Hook were the pick of the Army backs.

NAVY SCORE

Navy were not long in making a score as within 10 minutes Hankin

scored well out. Elliot failed with the attempt to convert. Not long after this Askwith, by an amazing run of half the length of the field, scored just wide of the post. Elliot had no difficulty in adding extra points. For a period play was fairly even, both sides using the boot and rush method of play.

Then half way through the second period, Talbot sent Elliot away on the blind side to score well out. Withersden failed to convert. Skelton completed the Navy scoring with a try which resulted from a "three" movement.

At the conclusion of the game, H.E. the Commander-in-Chief, Vice-Admiral Sir Percy Noble presented the Triangular Tournament Cup to Lt. Elliot, the captain of the Navy team.

Teams:

Army.—Lt. Lomax (8th Heavy); Cpl. Pratt (Seaforth), Lt. Hook (8th Heavy), L. Cpl. Boe (Royal Scots), Pte. Ferguson (Middlesex); L. Sgt. Lung (R.A.O.C.); Cpl. Nealon (Royal Scots); L. Sgt. Page (8th Anti-Aircraft); L. Crawford (Signals); Capt. L. D'Oyly (Royal Scots); Gar. Evans (8th Anti-Aircraft); Pl. Berry (Middlesex); Pte. Richardson (Seaforth); L. Cpl. Sutherland (Royal Scots); Spr. Appley (Royal Engineers); Reserves, L. Sgt. Marshall (Royal Scots), Sgt. Black (Royal Scots), Spr. Pike (Royal Engineers).

Navy.—Pay Lt. Stevens (H.M.S. Kent); Ldg. Tel. Kelly (Kent); P. O. Askwith (Dainty); Lt. Skelton (Medway); Pay Mid. Hankin (Kent); Lt. Elliot (Eagle); Capt. Lt. Talbot (Medway); Ldg. Sea. Romans (Eagle); Mr. Withersden (Duncan); Lt. Boddington (Medway); P. O. King (Tamar); Lt. Darling (Medway); Lt. Ogle (Medway); Lt. Griffiths (Medway); Sub. Lt. Hain (Eagle).

CLUB SIDES MEET

Prior to the T.T. match, two Club sides met. The result was a draw of six points each. Walkden, former Club captain, made his first appearance in Saturday fixtures for the season. He had just returned from leave a week ago. His packing with Piers in the second row appeared to be successful.

Hutchinson played a good game at stand-off half for colours.

Too Much Importance Attached To Toss In Cricket Test Matches

The importance of winning the toss in cricket is raised once again—this time by Don Bradman, who, talking over the radio recently, ruefully remarked that he had called "heads" four times in the Tests in England, and four times seen Hammond's coin come down "tails."

The only thing which prevented him making a fifth wrong call was Manchester's rain, specially provided for the occasion.

Of course, this whole matter of coin-tossing in affairs of such terrible importance as Test matches is ridiculous. Cricket is already too much at the mercy of the weather. An hour or two of rain can ruin a side's chances, says Geoffrey Simpson in the Daily Mail.

That cricket cannot help, but when, in 10 matches out of 20, the advantage is with the team batting first, why leave the batting order to a copper coin? Or a silver one, if you like.

If Bradman wants a remedy, this is it: Let the team winning the toss in the opening Test have first knock. After that there should not be any coin spinning. The other side should bat first in the next game . . . and so on, alternately.

Even this arrangement would mean that the captain winning the toss at the start of the series would guarantee his team first use of the wicket in three of five matches—and surely that is sufficient advantage?

"CALLS" PREFERRED

It is a curious thing about "tossing for choice" that the advantage is usually with the man with the coin. And in Test cricket the rule is for the home captain to toss; the visitor to call.

Do you know that gamblers prefer their opponents to call? It is the

same when it comes to cutting a pack of cards for a stake. The gambler always offers his rival first cut.

In the case of a coin spin it should be even money on "heads" or "tails," but the odds against either, as Bradman will say, seem greater. One can have a sequence of "heads" or a run of "tails" . . . and that's why Test cricket should not be decided by such a method.

I shall be told that batting and bowling win Test matches, which is true. But you cannot get away from the fact that when sides possessed of such batting strength as England and Australia meet on a good wicket, the side winning the toss has a powerful advantage.

CHAPMAN'S LUCK

The one England captain who seemed able to beat the odds which, somehow or other, are against the "caller" was A. P. F. Chapman. When he was in Australia, he "named it right" three times, and England won the series.

But Chapman has a reputation for luck in this matter. When he was regularly captaining Kent rival skipper referred darkly to Percy's abominable luck. Up would go his coin, and down it would come in the required manner.

Well—Chapman's secret, if secret it can be called, is that his lucky coin came out of a Christmas pudding. It was Christmas in Australia, and when Chapman forked his portion of pudding he dug out a golden half-sovereign.

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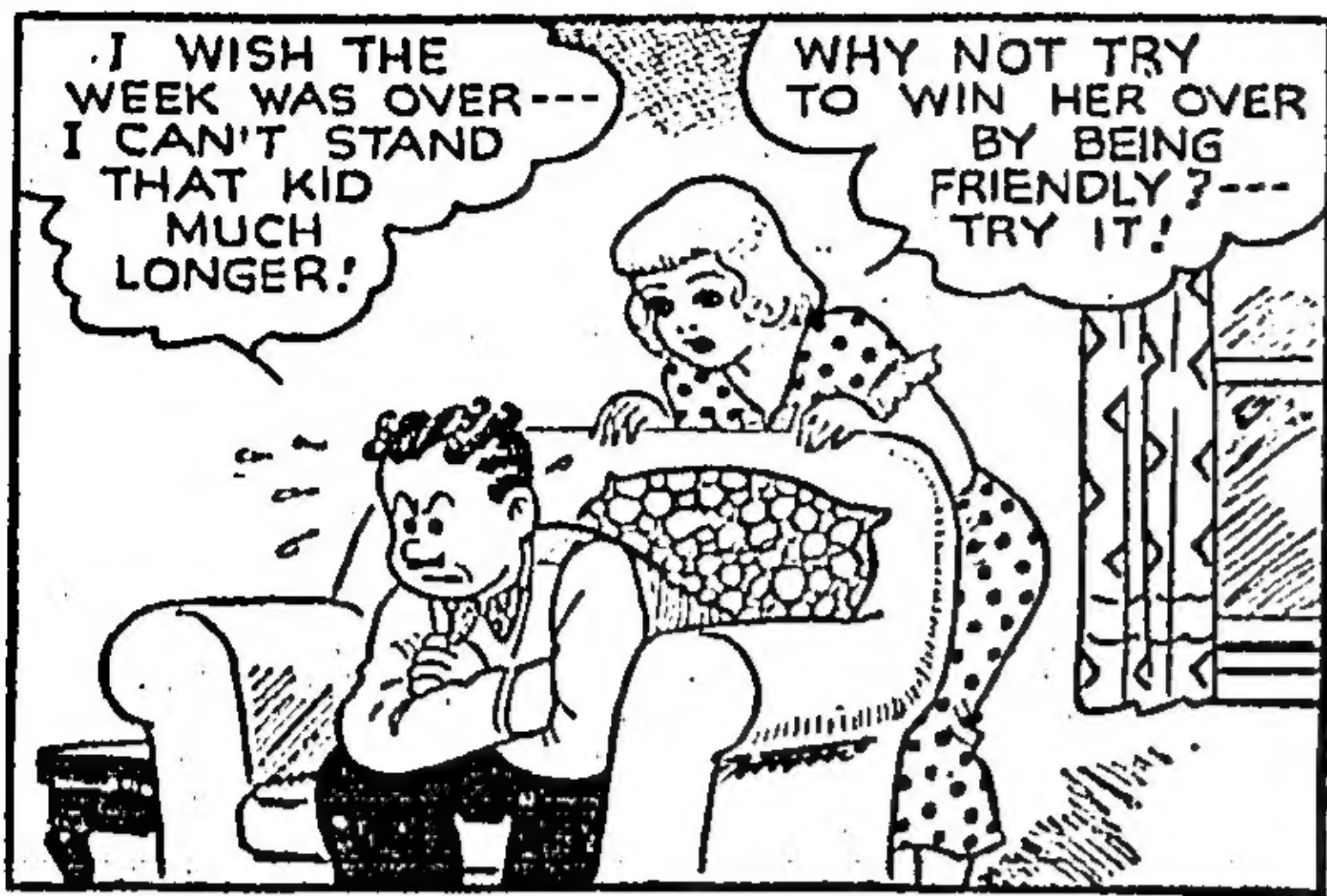
A Turkish? . . . Good!
Rothmans No. 10? . . . Better still!

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MADE IN LONDON

NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

Macao Race Meeting Held In Fine Weather

FAIRY AUK ANNEXES OPENING EVENT

In glorious weather the January Meeting of the Macao Jockey Club was staged at the Arca Preta race-course yesterday before a large attendance. Three favourites, a second favourite and two outsiders managed to make things interesting for backers who must have finished up well on the afternoon by virtue of some little Cricketer's win in the last race.

SZECHUEN HANDICAP—(First Section). Nine Furlongs.
Mr. J. H. Potts' Shanghai 4 (Mr. Raymond) 1
Mr. J. M. Drago's Fairy Auk 2
Distance won: 3 lengths, 3 lengths.
Time: 1.10, 1.12, 1.15, 1.18, 1.21, 1.24, 1.27, 1.30, 1.33, 1.36, 1.39, 1.42, 1.45, 1.48, 1.51, 1.54, 1.57, 1.60, 1.63, 1.66, 1.69, 1.72, 1.75, 1.78, 1.81, 1.84, 1.87, 1.90, 1.93, 1.96, 1.99, 2.02, 2.05, 2.08, 2.11, 2.14, 2.17, 2.20, 2.23, 2.26, 2.29, 2.32, 2.35, 2.38, 2.41, 2.44, 2.47, 2.50, 2.53, 2.56, 2.59, 2.62, 2.65, 2.68, 2.71, 2.74, 2.77, 2.80, 2.83, 2.86, 2.89, 2.92, 2.95, 2.98, 3.01, 3.04, 3.07, 3.10, 3.13, 3.16, 3.19, 3.22, 3.25, 3.28, 3.31, 3.34, 3.37, 3.40, 3.43, 3.46, 3.49, 3.52, 3.55, 3.58, 3.61, 3.64, 3.67, 3.70, 3.73, 3.76, 3.79, 3.82, 3.85, 3.88, 3.91, 3.94, 3.97, 4.00, 4.03, 4.06, 4.09, 4.12, 4.15, 4.18, 4.21, 4.24, 4.27, 4.30, 4.33, 4.36, 4.39, 4.42, 4.45, 4.48, 4.51, 4.54, 4.57, 4.60, 4.63, 4.66, 4.69, 4.72, 4.75, 4.78, 4.81, 4.84, 4.87, 4.90, 4.93, 4.96, 4.99, 5.02, 5.05, 5.08, 5.11, 5.14, 5.17, 5.20, 5.23, 5.26, 5.29, 5.32, 5.35, 5.38, 5.41, 5.44, 5.47, 5.50, 5.53, 5.56, 5.59, 5.62, 5.65, 5.68, 5.71, 5.74, 5.77, 5.80, 5.83, 5.86, 5.89, 5.92, 5.95, 5.98, 6.01, 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Manners By Post

WHEN you write a letter, do you ever follow it in your mind's eye to its destination? Do you visualize the expression on the face of the recipient when reading the contents?

You certainly ought to do so, for a letter can shine as vividly as a bright light before you, or it can weigh like a stone in your pocket. It can colour the whole day for the one who receives it, or cast a grey mantle of gloom.

Which colour do your letters take with them? If you are a bad correspondent, check the habit of putting off answering letters. Make it a golden rule to reply to all letters within three days of receiving them. If you delay, your letter will have to consist mostly of an apology, and that won't bring back a very cheerful answer.

Friendships thrive on pen and paper, but fade away for want of response. Strangely enough, the more you write the more news you will find to give.

What to say is often a problem. But it ought not to be. Pick out all the happy bits of news to relate. Never grumble or complain. If you have to mention illness or distress, try to make light of it. By the time your letter is delivered the trouble will probably be improved, and your friends will worry needlessly.

Write to your friends as you would talk to them. The essence of a letter is that it should be personal. Nobody will thank you for a discourse on the European situation. It is a little thing like the souille that did not rise, your new jumper, or your visit to the theatre that make interesting reading for your friends.

When answering a letter, read it through carefully so that you can begin by referring to things mentioned in it before starting off on your own affairs. Always acknowledge money and invitations at once, even though you have only time to scribble a post card.

What to Avoid

Never write unkind letters. The urge to write and "tell that person off" is often strong. Maybe he or she has said something nasty about you or appeared to slight you in some way or other. Spoken angry words can be forgotten if they are not said too often, but written words become photographed on the mind and live long to haunt us.

If you have a sick friend or one in trouble, make time to sit down and send a word of sympathy and cheer. It is the thought that matters, not what you write.

Remember that a birthday letter is doubly appreciated if you post it in time to arrive on the right date! Keep an address book to avoid having to omit writing a letter owing to lack of an address.

Regarding replies to invitations, remember to use the same form of speech when replying. Third person calls for third person, a friendly, informal note for such another reply. It is always a safe and polite rule to repeat the essentials, such as

PLAYTIME FASHIONS

for young boys and girls

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BIG sister chooses a shirt with easy fitting pleated shorts. Her two younger sisters look charming in their printed cotton tub frocks. Baby is proud of the applied duck on her gay check rompers, while sonny, kneeling, looks very manly in his dark linen knickers and short-sleeved shirt.

the time and date of an invitation in the answer, whether the reply is formal or the reverse.

I. II.

HOW often has an excursion been spoiled by some member of the expedition exclaiming, "I can't go any farther; my feet ache so!"

Although it is true that in some cases the cause may not be the fault of the individual, the vast majority of foot troubles are due to the person concerned.

Carelessness, ignorance or pride are the chief culprits. People cannot be bothered to get suitable shoes for walking. Some do not realize that feet unused to long walks will not function like those of an athlete.

Others have purchased shoes because they look nice or because they make the feet look small.

If you want shoes that will carry you over miles of country, over hills

Are your feet SPOIL-SPORTS?

By a Physician

and dale, then buy a pair with thick soles and soft uppers, a pair that really fit. Break them in a week or two before the holiday.

Those who suffer most from foot troubles are the people with thin bony feet, flat feet or feet that perspire too freely.

Size, Please

The first class should be careful in their choice of footwear. They require bigger shoes relatively than those with fat feet because the latter are already padded and the friction of a tight shoe does not affect them to the same extent. A tightly covered foot quickly chafes if shoes are too tight.

Flat feet are those where the normal arch which gives a spring to the gait has fallen and the patient instead of being held up by the elastic bands underneath the foot, walks on the more solid bony joints of the foot.

There is no cure for flat foot in an advanced stage because the bones have changed in shape and nothing will ever alter that, but a considerable amount of relief can be obtained by wearing a soft spongy inner sole to the shoe.

In the early stages flat feet will usually yield to exercise, helped by the building-up of the shoe on its inner edge so as to throw the weight of the body on to the outer

side of the foot. Particularly in hot weather those who suffer from perspiring feet have an uncomfortable time. Blisters form readily if care is not taken, the feet tend to swell and the shoes to pinch. Strict attention to hygiene is essential, and if the condition cannot be entirely cured at least its worst features may be lessened.

In these cases the feet should be washed in cold water containing a little washing soda every morning and evening.

After a thorough drying, dust the feet all over with a powder of starch, zinc and boric acid. Keep the nails clean and short. A change of socks or stockings is essential every day.

Useful To Know

A GOOD way of freshening up a velvet frock or coat is to suspend it over the bath on an improvised line then run the hot water into the bath. Let the dress hang for a while in the steam. This is better than going over the dress with steam from a kettle.

A glove hint from America is to put all new kid or leather gloves between the folds of a damp towel for an hour or so before they are worn for the first time. Then they will not be likely to split when put on.

Tinted Timepieces

COLOUR schemes are being introduced into the newest watches. Dials are tinted in softest pastel shades and brightly coloured hands and figures provide a clever contrast in shades.

The face of a watch may be copper-rose, dove grey or amber yellow. The hands may be midnight blue, cardinal red or emerald green. The wrist band may match either the dial or the figures. Black dials are effect is obtained with unpainted also very fashionable with white, red or grey figures.

Mother-of-pearl, so much in vogue fifty or sixty years ago, is being used again for watch dials. A man's dress watch in black onyx has a golden rose.

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Hat and Muff Set of Fur

New York.

Buying clothes is always a thrilling adventure, but is even more so this season. If you are a good budget-stretcher you will enjoy the idea of owning a half dozen hats. That's the general idea—a hat for every costume and for every occasion and, what's more, a muff to match some of them.

The new muffs are either of fur or of corded or shirred velvet. Evening muffs made use of other fabrics while those bridesmaids carry are often of flowers.

MUFFS ARE PRETTY

Muffs are also happy combinations of fur and the same cloth as in the coat. Most of them are good looking if a bit spectacular in size and shape, it being the large muff as well as the large bag that is the present vogue.

The winter coat problem is probably behind you, but if it isn't and you are looking for just what you want, it's encouraging to report that while some coats are literally buried under fur, there are also very trim and stylish ones without. There has been a good deal of talk in fashion columns about coloured coats but they are not any too easy to find.

Among the many fashion shows New Yorkers attended have been some confined to furs alone, and, as one might expect, the luxury angle was played up. At one fox dominated, at another ermine, but as one gets around one sees that smart women are wearing sable, mink and beaver marten scarfs made of three to five skins and adjusted at will. Fur hats or huts partially of fur are very much in vogue, but since hats seem to get smaller and smaller, one needn't worry very much about the amount of fur it takes to make one.

Paris.

Maggy Rouff's midseason collections contain many suits. Blouses in satin or lingerie type accompany all suits. . . . Newest, albeit suggestive bustle outline through panel of gathered fullness at back of skirt. Gay colour names feature

"Blond Bebe," "Marine Maggy," "Vert Vitriol," and "Grand Grenat."

Paris. Paquin presents youthful plaid suits and elaborated evening gowns. Spring-like collection features Corbeau blue for evening—tweeds in creamy tones. . . . Hoods in formal interpretations, combined with shoulder capelet. . . . Ruches, embroidery, fabric insets important.



A high-crowned hat in mauve felt with a wide edge of natural seal. The same fur and felt repeat in the muff.

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Warplanes Sold By Fraud

ISTANBUL, Jan. 8.
The alleged purchase of 50 American and Canadian warplanes on the Turkish Government's account through forged signatures, and their sale to the Loyalist Government in Spain, appears in the newspapers to-day.
An official of the Turkish Foreign Ministry is stated to be under arrest at Ankara, and that another Turk has been detained in France.—Reuter.

R.A.F. Mission For Australia

London, Jan. 8.
It is announced that, on the invitation of the Australian Government, a mission from the United Kingdom will visit Australia in the near future for the purpose of examining in consultation with representatives of the Australian Government, the possibility of the creation of the further capacity for the production of aircraft in the Commonwealth, and to prepare a scheme for the consideration of both governments.
The mission will consist of Sir Hardman Lever, who was a member of the recent mission to Canada, Colonel Sir Donald Banks, and Air Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore.

The mission will be assisted by experts, and will proceed to Australia shortly.

It is learned that the object of the mission is to establish a scheme similar to the Canadian plan. However, it is pointed out that the construction of aircraft in Canada is purely for the supply of the Australian scheme will be purely for supplying planes for the Australian air force.—Reuter.

LATE NEWS

Heavy Air Raid On Spanish Seaport

Madrid, Jan. 8.
Five Savoia planes bombed the centre of Valencia to-day. Many are dead and wounded, while much damage is reported.
During the same raid, the machines bombed the prison at San Miguel Reyes, where numerous prisoners are detained.
A later message says that 30 bodies have been discovered in the city ruins.—United Press.

Duke As Actor In Amateur Film

London.
The Duke of Connaught is to take part in a film with boys of the Royal Albert Orphanage, Canterbury. The film, which will show the work of the orphanage, is being made by members of the Windlesham Camera Club, of which the Duke is patron. The Duke has been President of the orphanage for more than 30 years.

REFUGEE PROBLEM American Ambassador And Mussolini

Washington, Jan. 7.
In answer to a question on the subject the Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. Sumner Welles, made a statement concerning the conversation that the American Ambassador, Mr. William Phillips, had with Mussolini in Rome last week.
Mr. Sumner Welles confirmed the report that the conversation concerned the problem of emigration of Jews from Germany, but refused to furnish any further particulars.
Mr. Welles emphasised, however, that Mussolini had shown a "conciliatory attitude."
In well-informed circles it is declared that the American Ambassador submitted to Mussolini further details of the plan for settlement of Jewish refugees in Abyssinia, and intimated that the United States would be prepared to assist in financing this project.—Trans-Ocean.

Co-ordinating Committee
London, Jan. 7.
The Co-ordinating Committee for Refugees, set up five years ago, which now has Lord Hailey as its Chairman, is making arrangements for grouping of various refugee organisations to whose varied efforts it seeks to give a unified direction in one office building in Central London.
Among Lord Hailey's assistants is Sir Henry Dumbury, former Controller and Accountant General to the Post Office.—British Wireless.

Australia Plan
Canberra, Jan. 7.
Australia is making preparations to protect herself against an influx of undesirable emigrants from Europe, according to a statement made to-day by Mr. John McEwen, Home Minister of Australia.

A net of migration offices is to be opened in co-operation with welfare associations for fugitives. All emigrants wishing to receive permission to settle in Australia are to undergo in these offices an examination by trained Australian immigration officers as to their suitability as Australian settlers.
Australia thus hopes to keep out those who would fail to become useful citizens.—Trans-Ocean.

JAPANESE BUILDING Half a Million Tons Now Under Construction

Tokyo, Jan. 8.
Japanese shipping companies are building 84 vessels, aggregating 521,740 tons, which will be launched and completed within the year.
A further 15 vessels, aggregating 114,100 tons will take the water next year, while 1941 will see five more boats, aggregating 72,500 tons, put into commission.

Noteworthy amongst those under construction are the three new ships which the Nippon Yusen Kaisha is now building in the Mitsubishi dockyard at Nagasaki. These 16,500-tonners, the Nitta Maru, Yawata Maru and Kasuga Maru, will take the water next June. Developing a speed of 21 knots, they will be placed on the European run.

The Argentina Maru and Brazil Maru, under construction for the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, will be launched in June and put on the South American line, each being of 13,000 tons, with a speed of 20 knots.
Another new passenger boat for the Nippon Yusen Kaisha will be completed in 1941 and commissioned on the San Francisco line. She will be of 27,700 tons, with a speed of 24 knots.—Domei.

Prince Paul In Rumania

BUCHAREST, Jan. 8.
PRINCE PAUL of Yugoslavia arrived at Transylvania to-day on a visit to King Carol, who is with a shooting party there.

Foreign diplomats expressed the belief that King Carol and Prince Paul are eager to exchange views on matters relating to the coming visit of Count Ciano to Belgrade.

It is believed Italy will seek to be the referee or peacemaker between her friends—Hungary on the one hand, and Yugoslavia and Rumania on the other hand at the expense of Germany.—Reuter.

Grover Brings Wife Home

LONDON, Jan. 8.
Brian Grover and his wife arrived in London to-day, completing their journey from Moscow.

Grover's former employer stated to-day that his job had been kept for him.—Reuter.

Grover is the Prince Charming of fairyland come to life. Recently he flew to Moscow without a passport or visa, after these had been denied him by the Russian authorities in London, in an attempt to free his Russian-born wife, whom he had not seen for four years, and whom, he understood, was in prison.
When he was indicted before a Russian court for entering the country without a passport, he made an impassioned appeal, vowing that his adventure was motivated by nothing but love for his wife. As a result he was freed, his wife allowed to renounce her Russian citizenship and released from prison, and the two permitted to leave the country to return to England. This they did during the week-end, travelling via Warsaw.

Swiss Air Liner Crash: 5 Die

Paris, Jan. 8.
Five persons were killed and 12 injured when a Swiss air liner crashed near Senlis to-day.
Among the injured was Captain J. K. Mathew, who had recently been serving in Palestine.—Reuter.

MEXICAN PAYMENT Britain Receives Sum For Oil

Mexico City, Jan. 8.
The Mexican Foreign Minister to-day handed to the British Minister here, who is acting on behalf of the British Legation, a cheque for £15,000, compensation in respect of British oil interests expropriated during the revolutionary period in Mexico, representing an annual instalment due under the Joint Claims Commission award.
Mexico is thus up to date with regard to her obligations at present. Cheques were also handed to the French and Italian representatives in settlement of the Mexican Government's indebtedness for the current quarter.—Reuter.

Insurance Fund Rolls Up

San Francisco.
California's system of requiring employers to put money into a State fund to insure their workers against injury or death in the course of their duty is rapidly developing into "big business." There is already \$17,000,000 in the fund and the State Compensation Fund this year declared a dividend of \$3,500,000.

QUEENS & ALHAMBRA KOWLOON

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"SING YOU SINNERS"

Pirates Hold Up Junk Near Hongkong Waters

SAILING IN CHINESE WATERS off Sha Tau, near Tung Kun, a fishing junk in charge of Cheung Kan, 37, was held up by two other boats, containing 14 men in all, who fired a number of shots at him.

Forced to heave-to, Cheung was forced to sail with the pirates to Ha Kong Chung, where he was robbed of 140 piculs of rice, valued at \$560.

COMBINED SERVICE Local Anglican And Methodist Churches

After the pirates left, Cheung sailed to Castle Peak, and later by the St. John's Cathedral and St. Andrew's and Christ Church churches, with their congregations, left Statue Square at 6 p.m. yesterday for the Cathedral, where a combined service of the Anglican and Methodist Churches of Hongkong and Kowloon.

He immediately notified the police, who detained seven men, who were held by the Anglican and Methodist Churches of Hongkong and Kowloon.

CANADIAN VISIT Council of State To Be Set Up

London, Jan. 7.
The absence of the King, R. Higgs, A. Rose, H. D. Rosenthal, from England while touring Canada, C. L. Wong, F. Short, MacKenzie and the United States in the Spring, J. E. Sandbach, and Eric More, his place as ruler of the country will be taken by a specially appointed Council of State.

According to the law enacted in 1937 this Council of State will consist of the nearest relative of the absent ruler, including wife or husband, respectively.

Since Queen Elizabeth accompanies the King on Bank, his wife and two King George, and the children of the King, were involved in a traffic accident yesterday and narrowly escaped death or serious injury.

It is to be made up by the Duke of Gloucester, Princess Lee was driving the steering gear of the car when it was involved in the accident.

Prior to enactment of the 1937 law, the King, when driving the car, was represented by the Duke of Gloucester, who was seriously injured.

This was changed because the Duke of Gloucester, who was seriously injured, was not allowed to drive a car. Road on Saturday when the Duke of Gloucester was driving a car, which was involved in a traffic accident, which resulted in the death of a boy. No one was injured.

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